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HON' DAN'L M. FOX.

Supt.

From Oct'r 30th '86.

To Jan'y, 7th 87.

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Book 32

30. Oct. 6

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Coinage executed at this Mint for the month ending this day

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30: Oct 6

Sir.

The following telegram sent for this day is hereby made official:—

"Twenty and a quarter million"

(20.250.000)

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James A. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

30: Oct.r 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit by registered mail this day the following Coins reserved for special assay, from the deliveries of the Mint during the current month;

13 Standard Dollars
60 Dimes

Very respectfully

W. W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 30. 6

Sir,

You will admit the following persons tomorrow, Sunday, the 31st inst. to do some work. viz Wm Harrington,
John Hands,
W. H. Barnes, and
Miss Bracs,

Respectfully
R. Mitford
Asst

To the
Captain of the
Sunday Watch

1 November 6

Sir;

Responsive to yours of the 29th ult. touching the subject of my embarrassment at the possibility of closing out the capacity of the Storage vaults in the Post Office Building, within a very short time, I have the honor to say that the question of expedients to be suggested was a subject of much difficulty to me to see how that could be assured as to the future.

Of course the expedient that has been adopted in regard to the overflow of the coinage of Standard silver dollars is to a certain degree and quite satisfactorily been filled by the Storage vaults referred to, but as to expedients for the future

I could scarcely see my way clear. I concluded therefore I would refer the communication to my Cashier, who has charge of the subject of transportation of each days excess of the dollars coined from this Mint to the Storage vaults in the Post Office Building, and of visiting them and superintending the Storage of the coin therein on each occasion, and would therefore have, possibly, some idea that would serve to relieve my mind.

I accordingly referred your letter to him for his consideration, and for any thought which would be evolved by its reading.

Accompanying this communication you will find a copy of his letter to me on this subject. He says first, "Our vault No. 6, in the Mint Building would

be available were it cleaned and lined with steel, when it could be made to store 5½ millions. Its present Capacity is 4 millions." Now, if there be no funds at the Command of the Department available for this purpose I do not see how his first suggestion is practicable:

Second: He further says "There remains an available space in the lower of the two post-office vaults to store about 1.700.000." In this regard, it sounds as though this may afford a temporary relief.

Third. He furthermore says: "There is a large unfinished vault in the Post-Office basement. Were this lined with steel, furnished with apartments, and divided into two vaults one above another,

and furnished with first class vestibules, that vault could be made to store about 10.000.000. The location is however not desirable, and the responsibility of caring for it, would be undoubtedly greater than if it were located on the upper floors" Upon this point the same question would arise whether there were any funds at command to prepare this basement vault for our purpose: and again even were it so, I would hesitate about recommending a basement story vault such as this. The Cellar is large, covering the entire square between Chestnut and Market, cold, unhealthy, and risky; the latter, because of the accessibility to these vaults from almost any direction as any number of persons can get into these Cellars, and

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hide themselves away, without anyone's knowing it; and a guard for this purpose would have to be so large as to be almost impracticable.

Again the Cashier says "the storage of coin in the gangways of the present vaults in the Post office building, would accommodate about 5 million in addition to the Compartments." I do not think this worth Considering, as whenever the end of our fiscal year comes, whoever may have charge of these vaults, in such case would have an immense job in the Counting, inspecting, and verifying, to ascertain the amounts under the control of the Superintendent of the Mint.

How they could possibly compute this accurately doing it as carefully as Dr Lauver

and his assistants did, on the expiration of the last fiscal year — I say how they could ascertain the amount of money contained in these vaults, were the gangways stopped up, I cannot conceive, unless they were to go to immense labor in first removing the storage which closes up the gangways, and carrying them back again, running the risks of bursting of bags, and of mistakes that might thereby happen. I think it would be unfortunate if we were placed in such a condition.

There is another suggestion he makes, to wit:- each of the Post office vaults will accommodate half a million more, without intruding on the gangways. The spaces to the right and left of the vestibules could be utilized,

if it be deemed proper to have any Coin stored outside of the Compartments themselves.

There appears to me to be but two features of his letter which is worthy of consideration :- first, the available space yet remaining in the lower Post office vault which enables the storage of about 1.700.000 ;- and, second, that each of the post office vaults will accommodate half a million more, by the use of the spaces to the right and left of the vestibules, outside of the Compartment without intruding on the gangways, which would make 2 700 000.

I would be glad were you to come over this week - as you suggest you may probably, - and I will go with

you to the Post Office vaults alongwith the Cashier, and examine them as I think it is likely it would assist our judgment in the case.

Of course, we could furnish more room in all the vaults were we to close up, & use the spaces in the gangways, but I am loath to do that for the reason I have mentioned.

Very respectfully

A. W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Oct. 30th 6

Sir.

Referring to the letter of the Director of the Mint, of Oct. 29, touching the storage of Standard Silver Dollars, I have the honor to submit facts and possibilities as follows:

1. You have room in the Mint vaults proper to store two millions, reckoning vault No. 6, as available. That vault should be cleared and lined with steel, when it can be made to store five and one-half millions, its present capacity is four millions.

2. There remains space (available) in the lower Post-Office vault under your care to store about one million seven hundred thousand Dollars.

3. There is a large, unfinished vault

in the Post Office basement. If lined with steel, furnished with compartments, divided into two vaults, one above the other, and furnished with first class vestibules, that vault could be made to store about ten millions. Its location is however, not desirable, and the responsibility of caring for it would be unduly greater than if it were located on the upper floors.

So much for the facts. The possibilities are —1- The storage of coin in the gangways of the new P. O. vaults. Were this permitted, the two now in use would accommodate, say, about five millions in addition to the compartments.

2. Each of the P. O. vaults will accommodate a half million more without intruding on the gangways. The spaces to the right and left of the vestibules can

be utilized, or if it be deemed proper to have any coin stored outside of the compartments.

The obstruction of gangways in treasure vaults cannot be commended, Not only the Custodian, but the Treasury agents should always be able to pass on two sides of the treasures; the former in order that any bursting of outside bags may be noted, and the latter for the purpose of inspection and verification by count.

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) W. H. Cobb.

Cash.

Hon. Dan'l M. Fox,

Superintendent.

SRP

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 1st 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5995, favor of Handy & Harman for $19.94. 97

" 5996 " Jas. B. Colgate & Co. " $25.358. 28

" "

" "

" "

" "

" "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-26-85. 10M]

LRb

The Mint of the United States

at

Philadelphia, Penn.

Nov 1st 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Jas. B. Ludgate & Co New York per letter of advice, dated Oct 29th 1886

Fineness Weight,	ozs	25.543.70
Gross Weight,	ozs	25.358.28
Value @ $1.29/100	per oz, Gross ozs	25.358.28

Edw. Kretz
Superintendent

Provisionally Correct

October 30th 6

30th October 6

4,772,703.50

33,679,899.08

96,108.79

38,447,711.37

J. Hamilton

2.349.482 580
658 - Loose
108.735 Smith

Jas. P. Kimball

1 November 6

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of the following persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint;

Jeppie P. Johnson,	Cleaner,	Coiner's Dept.
George Aekin,	" ,	" "
Fannie B. Sink,	Adjuster,	" "
John Sullivan,	Laborer,	General "
Charles B. Walsh,	Weigher,	Assayer "
William G. Jergey,	Helper,	M.R. "
John Maguigan,	"	" " (au)
Edward Poole,	Cleaner,	Coiner's "

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(No. 2.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 23 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 5997	favor	Zimmerman & Forshay	for	$ 9.440. 47
5998	"	J. M. Seligman & Co	"	$ 17.321. 06
5999	"	Handy & Harman	"	$ 5.229. 80
				$
				$
				$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(No. 7 10-85. 1000)

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 2d 1886

Assortment of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from J. & W. Seligman & Co.

per letter of advice

New York.

Oct 29th 1886

Fineness Weight	oz.	12.041.20
Gross Weight	oz.	12.024.16
$1.-	per oz. fine $	12.024.16

Superintendent.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 27. 1886

Received of John Sutton purchased by the

Director of the Mint from Zimmerman & Forshay

per letter of advice,

New York

Oct 30th 1886

Gross Weight	9.632.80
Tare Weight	9.440.47
Net Weight	9.440.47

$1.00/100

John Sutton

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

New York 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint, from J. W. Seligman & Co.

per letter of advice,

New York Oct 7th 1886

Gross Weight	oz.	25.958.30
Tare Weight	oz.	25.905.29
0.9914	Net oz. fine	25.682.50

Superintendent

2 Novem: 6

Sir,

Your services will not be required in this Mint after this day

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Michael Campbell
Roller

2: November 6

Sir;

Mr. G. R. Guss, "Cabinet", General Dpt. having resigned, his name will be dropped from the rolls after the 31st ult:o.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

2 Novem 60

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Mem: 1655 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, to be transferred to the bullion fund of this Mint;

Respectfully

J. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2. Nov. 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 1653 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 27, received & from your office as per letter of advice and memo. of the 29th ulto.

Very respectfully

N. Tod

Superintendent

Robert P. Maning Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

2. Nov. 6

Sir;

Michael Campbell a Roller in the Coiner's Department having been discharged his name will be dropped from the Rolls after this day

Very respectfully

Wm H Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

86 A

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 5th 1886

Sir

I draw this day check

No 6000 favor Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $43.683.28

6001 " Handy Harman " $12.418.96

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Adel N. Fox

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

R.D. — 25. 6000

3: Novem 6

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the following in the form of persons recently appointed to positions in the Mint:-

John J. Johnson	Laborer	General Dept
Sherman J. Palfrey	Helper	M & R "
Thomas C Peck	Annealer	Coiner's "
Joseph Vandenhie	Helper	M & R "

Very respectfully

W. L. Dubois

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

November 4th 6

Sir:

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for Minor Coins, for account of the parties named.

Vance Sweet, Wyer & Attwood, Red Lake Falls, Minn. $20.

I have also notified the parties interested.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

LRb

Nov 4th 6

Sir,

Please make a requisition in my favor on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10.000.-) payable from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses for the current month on that account.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington - D.C.

L.H.B.

Nov 4th 6

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith my requisitions for Funds for the support of this Institution for the current month and would respectfully request that you would urge forward the Warrants for the same, inasmuch as the amount on hand to the credit of the Contingent Fund is less than $600.=, with the prospect of a presentation of Bills for payment, which will more than absorb that amount.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon Jas P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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Invest 550.56.

Jas. P. Kimball

LRL

(Str—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 5th, 1886.

Sir

I enclose this day check—

No 6007, given Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $ 7.283.15/

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Do. 7-28-85. 500)

4: Novem. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of J. W. Guldin recently appointed Cleaner in the Coiner's department of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

5. November 62

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3507 of Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein endorsed I have appointed Robert J. Barr, Roller, in the Coiner's Department, @ $2 00 per diem — vice Michael Campbell dismissed — to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5. Novem. 66

Sir;

Under sect. 3504 Revised Statutes I have appointed John M. Scher, to "Cabinet" in the General Department of the Mint, @ $3.00 per diem — vice George R. Gries, resigned, - to take effect from date of oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Supernitendent

Hon James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

H. L.

November 5th 6.

Sir;

I herewith transmit S/D of this date No. 6699 from the Asst. Treasurer U.S. in this city for $1.57/100 on a/c of old materials Sold; together with a Statement of the Same.

Very Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

E.H.T.

Mint 6th Nov 6.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward you by to-day's Mail, my Ordinary, Refinery Std Silver Dollar Coinage and Standard Silver Dollar Storage accounts for the Month of October 1886.

I am

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.R.L.

Nov 6 6

Sir;

In our Check of Silver Bullion for the Dime Coinage, will be exhausted within the next few days. I desire to receive advice upon the subject in order to give you time to direct further transfers if necessary.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRL

Nov 6th 6

Dir.

The following Telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official, viz:

"Zimmerman & Forshay are shipping Silver. No advice from Bureau of purchase. Shall I receive it, and if so, how much and at what rate."

Very Respectfully,

Wm. A. Fox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

SKLo

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 6th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6003 favor Handy & Harman for $ 30.665.77

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(1 - 25-85. 1000)

SAB

Nov 6th 6

Sir.

Please increase my Balance with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for purchase of Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. J.P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

6: Novem: 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 1675 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 10 received from your office on the 4th inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of 30th ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Geo. F. Emmons
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

C. Novem. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 165 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

C. Norcum

Sir,

Herewith Sundries memo: No. 169 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 11 received from your office on the 5th inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 30th ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office

New York

C. Assay. C

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1679 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City to be transferred of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

LRb

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 8th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this my check—

No. 6004	from Handy & Harman	for	$ 40.793.14
" 6005	" Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	"	$ 38.734.48
" 6006	" Fourth National Bank, N. Y.	"	$ 10.971.10
" 6007	" J. W. Seligman & Co.	"	$ 83.581.95
		"	$
		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

SRC

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J.W. Seligman & Co

[illegible] York
[illegible] St 6

$3.34 7.25
$3.73 7.37
$3.58 1.95

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1295-Locust
142.606-Trees

300.496.752
Incl. pt 300.122.11
289.760
Incl. pt 275.451

Jas. P. Kimball

Th. J.

9: Nov. 6

Sir;

I am in receipt of the Part 1st of the 18th vol. and the 20th Vol. of the Tenth Census, addressed to the "Mint of the United States, Philadelphia" — as have also been similarly addressed part 1. Vol 11; Vol. 14; and part 1. Vol 16, received here during this and last year.

I had the honor to address you on the subject of the ownership of these volumes on 3rd Nov. 1885 to which I received a reply on the 7th of the same month (D.G.H.) to the effect "that while Mr Harmon in 1884, directed that the reports of the Tenth Census should be forwarded to the Hon: A.P. Howden, Spe-

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perintendent of the Mint" he said, in reply to a special request from your office "whether he desired them sent for the personal use of Col Snowden or for the use of the Mint", "I presume he Mr Snowden, desires these reports for general use." Inasmuch, as they were already being supplied to the Library of the Mint for this purpose, a duplicate set was not sent to Col. Snowden. Under these circumstances, it was altogether natural and proper that Col Snowden should regard these documents as sent for his own use." ..... "and he is therefore at liberty to retain the volumes in his own possession".

Am I to understand from the last sentence that only "the volumes in his own possession" Col Snowden is

"at liberty to retain", and that the volumes especially referred to above, being addressed as they are, are for the library of the Dept:- or, am I to understand that notwithstanding these are so addressed, they are intended for Col: Snowden's personal use?

If the latter, have the kindness to give Col: Snowden an order either to call or send for the volumes now in my possession

Very respectfully
Wm McFee
Superintendent

Hon: L.Q.C. Lamar
Sec: of the Interior
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9th 6

Sir

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for minor coins, for account of the party named.

Martin Rhode, Baltimore, Md. $20.

I have also notified the party interested

Very Respectfully

W.M. H. Fox

Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

9: Nov: 6

Sir;

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans four (4) pair standard silver dollar dies as early as practicable

Very respectfully

A. M. Fr.

Superintendent

Charles Edward Barber Esq

Engraver

9. Novem: 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following oaths of office of persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:-

Robert J. Barr, Roller, Coiner's Off'c
John M. Scherr, "Cabinet" General.

Very respectful

D. Ed. McTate

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9th

Dir.

I beg to endorse herewith bill in Duplicate for $381.90, being the value of 5 pair Double Eagle Dies, 10 pair Eagle Dies and 10 pair Half Eagle Dies shipped this day to the Mint U.S at San Francisco in conformity with your letter of instruction dated Oct 24th 1886.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 9th, 1886.

Sir.

I draw this day draft

No. 0008, favor Fourth National Bank N.Y. for $24.52.06

0009 Handy Harman. " $28.16.48

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

No. 7-28-85. 1000

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 9th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Handy & Harman per letter of advice,

New York

Oct 23d 1886

Fineness Weight	gr.	50.978.70
Base Weight	gr.	50.748.46
Value @ 0.9855	per oz. Troy	50.012.60

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 9th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Fourth National Bank New York per letters of advance, dated Oct 23d & 25th 1886. Two Lots of 50.000 ozs each.

Gross Weight,	ozs.	100.148.93
Fine Weight,	ozs.	99.596.48
Value @ 0.9855 per oz. fine, $		98.152.53

Included in our Shipments on account of this Contract, were a number of Bars containing Gold. viz 780.901 ozs = $5.226.07

Superintendent.

9: Novem: 62

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of instructions of the 21st Oct. I have this day sent to the United States Mint at San Francisco, the following dies:-

5 Double Eagles. Obv. Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4 and 5
5 " " Rev. " 1. 2. 3. 4 " 5
10 Eagle, Reverse, Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. and 10
10 " Obverse " 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 and 10
10 Half Eagle, Reverse " 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. and 10, and
10 " " , Obverse 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. and 10

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Phila: November 6

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Lewis J. Robb, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's department in this Mint @ $2.00 per diem - vice John Magingan, declined - to take effect from date of oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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(Form 2.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 10th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No.	6010,	favor	Handy Harman	for	$89.496.28
"	6011	"	Zimmerman & Forshay	"	3.603.65
"	6012	"	Jno. Bigelow & Co.	"	24.324.66
"				"	
"				"	
"				"	
"				"	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Rev. 7-28-85. 1000]

Nov 10th 1886

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Nov 9th 1886

	24.158.98
	24.131.61
1.0080	24.324.66

Nov 10th 1886

Handy Harman

New York

Oct 29th 1886

125.196.05

124.261.99

124.261.99

10 Novem. 6

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Lafayette Rowland recently appointed Cleaner in the Melter and Refiners Department of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

F/B

November 10th 6

Sir,

I herewith endorse C/D of this date No 6702, from the Asst Treasurer in this City for $14.25/100 on account of old material sold. I also enclose an itemized statement of the materials.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. Jas. R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 11th 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No 6013 favor Jas. B. Leggett & Co for $12.01 87/100

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Ed. 7-22-85. 1000]

11. Nov. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to receive your favor of the 10th inst. inquiring whether the reasons for the delay which hitherto existed in the case of the United States against Peter Daley, will prevent the defendants trial at this time.

I would say that the Treasury detective who spent sometime here made no report to me upon the subject, and he was withdrawn by order of the Chief of that branch of the public service.

What report he made to his superior officer, I do not know, neither am I aware from any other source whether he made progress in the special matter given to

his charge. I would respectfully suggest that were a letter written to the proper officer of the Treasury Department, at to whomsoever you may think it judicious to write to, the answer would probably furnish you with the information needed.

Very respectfully
David Victor
Superintendent

Hon: John K. Valentine
United States Attorney
Eastern Dist: of Penna
9th & Chestnut
Phila'a

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Supt

Nov 11th 6

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith bill in duplicate for $102.37/100, being the value of 1 pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies, prepared for and shipped to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans, in conformity with your letter of instruction dated Nov 8th 1876.

Very Respectfully,
Wm Wilson
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 11th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Bureau of the Mint from Fourth National Bank

per letter of advice

dated New York

Nov 5th 1886

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	21.854. 28
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Assistant Treasurer

11. Nov: 6

Sir;

In compliance with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Foreman herein enclosed I have transferred John J. O'Connor, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's department to the position of Roller in the Coiner's department @ $2 2c per diem - vice Joseph C. McElhone, dismissed -- to take effect on his assuming his new duties and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: Nov: 60

Sir

Your services will not be required in this Mint after the 10th inst

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Joseph McElhone

11: Novem. 6

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Joseph C. Mc Elhone Roller in the Comer's department having been dismissed, his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 10th inst.

Very respectfully

N. M. Hoff

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: Nov. 6

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:—

Yesterday's output of nickels fifteen hundred dollars, thirty thousand pieces, two presses, eight hours each; of Cents, three thousand dollars, three hundred thousand pieces, five presses, twelve hours each

Very respectfully
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: Nov. 6

Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of Sect: 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein endorsed, I have appointed Thomas Thayer, Helper in his Department @ $2.00 per diem — vice John J. O'Connor, ~~transferred~~ — to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Wm M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

F. M. S.

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2.660.704.718

$407.570.94
$407.625.05

$ 500.47
$ 4900.52

Jas. P. Kimball

L&Rd

Nov 12th 6

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. suggesting the importance of an early transmittal of my monthly Expense Accounts, in order to obtain prompt action on my requisitions. The delays have never occurred through neglect, but by reason of my inability to obtain signatures either of absent and sick employés, or by having to refer bills for supplies back to the Contractors for proper and specific endorsements. I shall however, as heretofore, use all diligence to secure the end desired and thank you for your suggestion.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

(80—1.)

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 12th, 1886.

Sir,

I have this day drawn

on No 6014, from Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $ 9.536.16/100

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

(80—1.) 65, 000.

Nov 12th 6

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith 4 bids for 60 Bbls Sweeps offered for sale, weighing 28.521 lbs, the bids being as follows, viz:

M. Wollstein & Co.	$1243.92
Co. Ballach & Son	1226.40
Howard & Noble	1216.—
A. W. Spear & Son	1182.—

The bid of Messrs M. Wollstein & Co. being the highest, I will accept it, with your approval. Please return bids.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

12: Nov: 6

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Out-put yesterday, Nickels thirty two hundred (3200) dollars, one (1) press; Cents, three thousand (3000) dollars, four (4) presses

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12: Nov: 6

Sir

I have the hona to transmit the oath of office of Lewis T. Robb, recently appointed Helper, in the Melter & Refiner's department of this Mint

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12: Nov. 6

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo: No 1709 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C., to be transfered to the Bullion Fund of this Mint;

Very respectfully

W. W. Wyatt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 12th 6

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official.viz.

"Send detailed statement by Navy mail, of items comprising Transfer Order, Thirteen-two-twenty-one".

Very Respectfully,

L M Fox

Supt

Hon S.L. Tunis.

Asst Treasurer U.S.

New York.

12 Mint 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. of Gold Bullion No. 1709 — in duplicate — being for remittance No. 28 received from your office on the 6th inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 8th inst.

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Robert R. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

11 Nov: 1e

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that there have been this day forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans the following dies,:

4 Standard Dollar, Obverse, Nos. 108, 9, 10, and 11

4 " " , Reverse " 103, 4, 5, and 11

Very respectfully

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
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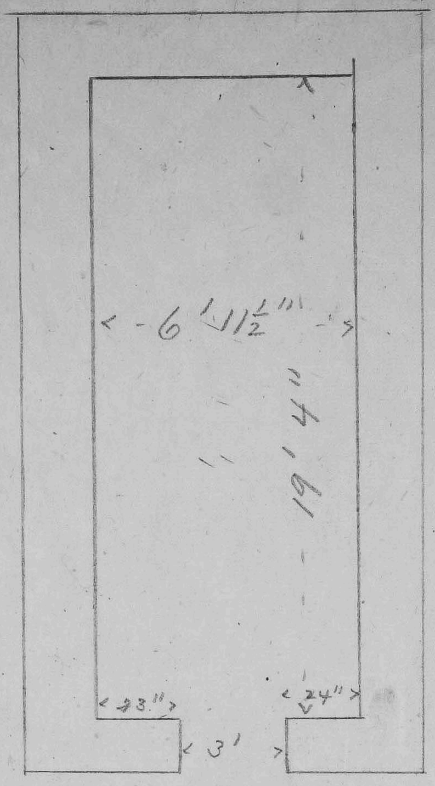

Height from floor to spring of Arch. 5' 10½"

" " " " Crown " " 8' 8"

Depth from ~~footway~~ pavement to floor of ~~Vault~~

Vault including door sill 12"

13. Nov. 66

Sir;

Responsive to yours of the 8th inst. inquiring, first, in regard to the removal of the boiler plant, and as to what space there will be available for the construction of a vault of large capacity; and, second, what steps, if any, have been taken by me for the removal of the boiler-plant, I would say - taking up the last inquiry - that in conjunction with my Chief Engineer and Master Machinist, within several months past, I have taken occasion to visit as many of the various industrial establishments, in which steam is used as a motive power as I could, in order to get a cursory view of the subject in charge

and gather in some general information in regard to the same, and after inspecting the many engines and boilers, I was able to get to, whilst I was very much struck with the neatness of the boiler rooms, and accompanying machinery, I found myself unable to form any judgment as to what would be best suited to our purposes with any degree of confidence.

I accordingly sought after the best possible engineering architect that could be found. I ended in the employment of a highly reputable firm — Messrs. Wilson and Bros. — of this City, who have done a great deal of work for quite a number of the principal establishments in this City, and other places, where steam engines and boilers have been put up as to

motive power. They have been diligently engaged in studying out the subject and preparing plans and specifications, which I have, within a day or so received, and after they shall have been duly considered by my officers herein before mentioned, and myself, I propose to advertise asking proposals for furnishing and doing the work, under the direction and superintendency, for greater safety, of the architects named. I will be ready to enter upon this sometime in the beginning of the coming week.

In regard to the subject of space made available by the transfer of the steam plant, I would say that the transfer will give space in the centre of the rectangle of the Mint for vaults for the storage of coin or bullion as follows:

in the basement two vaults, each 12 feet by 40 and 10 feet high, equal in space to 4800 cubic feet: two such vaults will furnish 9600 cubic feet and upon these, two others may be constructed on the level of the first floor, each 12 by 25 feet and 14 feet high, and each equaling 4200 cubic feet, — thus making a total of 18,000 cubic feet. Now taking 250 cubic feet estimated for the storage of a million of dollars, storage will be furnished for 72.000.000 Standard Silver dollars.

Of Course if there be only an appropriation for one vault in the basement, at this time, you have the figures here which will enable the Computation.

I desire to add that in Connection with the plans for the transfer of the steam

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plans, I have had plans made for such general improvements of the Mint building without requiring any additional ground and still preserve its architectural characteristics as I am sure will by you be deemed judicious and worthy of consideration in the preparation of your report.

I would be very glad indeed, if it be at all possible, without putting you to inconvenience, were you to come over to the City on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and let me submit to you the whole of the plans and specifications. I can have the architect here at the same time to explain everything, and so that you will have a comprehensive view of the absolute wants of the Institution by comparison between the present existing arrange-

ments & how the room & space may be bet-
ter and more systematically utilized.

And again it will afford me an
opportunity to exhibit to you the progress
of the work upon the story over the Adjusting
Room which is now about ready for plas-
tering. Should you prefer however I will
go to Washington and meet you at what-
ever time you may designate, when I
will bring my plans with, and have a
general talk over the whole matter

Very respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Archt of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

13. Novem. 66

Sir.

Under Sec: 3502 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Charles Mitchell, a resident of this State, a Laborer in the General Department of the Mint at $2.75 per diem, — vice Edward McGeady made Helper — to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Respectfully

David Wm Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13 Nov. 62

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following statements for the month of October:- Gold and Silver of Domestic production deposited Deposits & purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion (III) Bars manufactured

Very respectfully

Wm. [illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12. Novem. 64

Sir

I have the honor to endorse for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No. 6703 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for $17.64 deposited on account of gain by recoinage of silver coin from Assistant Treasurer, United States, Baltimore, Md.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 13th 6

Sir.

I beg to enclose herewith Memoranda showing Gold Value and Loss by Recoinage, on Coin received per "J.O" 13.774 from Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadª and per "J.O" 13.771 " " " " " New York " per "J.O" 13.777 " " " " " Boston "

Gain by Recoinage of $27.64/100 on Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S at Baltimore. per "J.O" 13.773.

Very Respectfully.

Wm M Fox

Supt.

Hon Jos. P. Kinsloe
Director of the Mint
Washington. D. C.

Nov 13th

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6015	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	20.870.	40
6016	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	11.042.	47
6017	D. " "	50.833.	65

W M Fox

Nov 13th 6

Boston Advocate Smelting Co.

Argo. Col
Nov 5th 6

50.703.00
50.621.04
1.042 50.833.65

LRL

(No. 2.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 15th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No 6018, favor Handy & Harman, for $ 33.474.67

" 6019, " Zimmerman & Forshay, " $ 5.457.25

" 6020, " Jas. B. Colgate & Co. " $ 3.856.28

" ____, " ____, " $ ____

" ____, " ____, " $ ____

" ____, " ____, " $ ____

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[illegible] 28-85 (500)

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 15th 1886

Assay report of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Director of the Mint from Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

per letter of advice

New York

dated Nov 5th 1886

Gross Weight,	oz.	5.592.50
Fine Weight,	oz.	5.160.31
Fineness @ 1.0042	per oz. fine $	5.475.98

Superintendent

LRL

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 15th 1886

Statement of Silver Dollars purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint for [illegible] per letter of [illegible]

Handy Harman

New York

Nov 5th 6

Gross Weight	gs.	91.103.50
Fine Weight	gs.	90.871.29
Value @ 1.00472 per g. fine	$	91.252.95

[signature]

Superintendent

15. Nov. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Thomas Thayer, recently appointed Roller in the Melter & Refiner's Dpt. of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

15. Nov. 66

Sir

I am in receipt of your communication explaining the intention of your Department concerning the volumes of the Census mailed to this Mint.

If there is any possibility for the entire or partial Completion of the set by the obtainment of back volumes for the Mint Library, I should be very glad to receive them

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: L.Q.C. Lamar
Sec'y of the Interior
Washington
D.C.

Nov 15th 6.

2.521.321 344
145 Local
73.041 Francis

612.672 732
Locke to 613.162 77
6049 584
Locke to 578.17

Jas. P. Kimball

15 Nov. 6

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 3507, I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed John Dougherty and William St. Good, Laborers in the General Department of this Mint @ $2 75 per diem, each, to take effect from the date of their official oaths and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Note "The above appointments have relation to the double shift".

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15. Novem. 6

Sir,

Yours of the 12 inst. rec.
Your one cent pieces
will be forwarded this week

Respectfully,

Superintendent

J. V. DeRidder Esq
Cash Nat. Bk. Schuylerville
Schuylerville
N.Y.

Nov 16th 6

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 11th inst requesting a statement of the amount of Old Copper Cents, Old Nickel Cents and Bronze One Cent pieces, which have been melted since the Organisation of the Mint, I hand you below the figures as accurately as they can be determined, viz:

Old Copper Cents	$ 372.613.70
Old Nickel Cents	734.719.13
Bronze One Cent pieces	23.806.16
Total .	$ 1.131.138.99

The Records of the Mint, prior to the year 1857 and thereabouts, are not sufficiently definite for obtaining satisfactory data, but I believe the figures quoted are a close approximation to the facts. I need hardly add that the Bronze One Cent pieces above stated, have been

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or will be returned to Circulation, after Receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Philadelphia
October 30th 6

October 6

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 16th, 1886.

Sir.

Please pay this draft

No 6071, favor Fourth Nat. Bank. N.Y. for $ 9.618.18/

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

" " " $

Charge payment to Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Wm M Hart

Cashier

Collection of Drafts—

New York

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16. Nov. 6

Sir,

I duly received your requisition of the 10th inst., for 200 lbs. C.P. Nitric Acid for the U.S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, and immediately gave the order to Messrs Powers & Weightman, who supply this Mint. We have no contract for this article, as we have never been able to get a proposal.

Their Mr. Durborrow called on me to explain that it was unsafe to ship Nitric Acid to such great distances, in carboys; that it ought to be put in half gallon bottles, carefully packed. I requested this statement to be sent to me in writing, and

Received it this morning.

I herewith enclose a copy for your information, and await further instructions from your office

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Powers & Weightman,
Manufacturing Chemists.
Philadelphia, November 15th 1886.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your correspondence and the interview with our Mr. Durborrow in relation to the order for C. P. Nitric Acid for the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, we have to state that we never assume risks of transportation when making shipments; all of our sales are made Free on Board Philadelphia, and after getting a clean Bill-of-lading, our responsibility ceases, and all risks incident to the transportation of the goods are assumed by the buyer. This of course, would be the case were the Government to make the contemplated purchase. We do not regard Carboys as being so safe a package as half-

gallon bottles for Acid; these bottles contain 7 lbs each, and are packed 12 in a case. We are prepared to furnish Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, either in Carboys (containing 140 lbs) or in bottles as may be required. If sent in Carboys where the distance is considerable we would suggest square top carboys, and would quote say 2 carboys at 15¼ cents. per lb. packages included, or, 3 cases of twelve ½ gall. bottles about 252 lbs. at 19½ cents per lb, including packages.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Powers & Weightman.

Stock
11 Mint

Nov 16th 6

Sir.

I have to day remitted through your office the following remittance for mint coins for account of the parts named.

Walworth Manufacturing Co. Boston, Mass. $60.

I have also notified the parts interested

Respectfully

Supt

To Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

16. Novem. 6

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter and Refiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Gustave Seasongood and Peter Flood, Helpers in his Department @ $2.00 per diem, each, to take effect on date of oath, and submit the same for approval

Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Note. "These have relation to the dismissals"

No: Nov: 6

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is herein made official:-

No allowance for gangways. The Compartments in storage vaults seem unnecessary waste of space. as on settlements bags are weighed otherwise in working vaults

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: Nov: 6

Sir;

The Director of the Mint is here to day and has conferred with me on the subject of your letter of the 13th. inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury with reference to the indictment pending in the United States District Court against Peter Daley.

As no time seems to remain, should you be ready to call this case during the present term of Court, the Director concludes in view of the circumstance that no progress has been made by the detective employed in the matter, that it be disposed of at your discretion, and without further reference to the Department of Justice.

This view seems to be in accordance with the several references, and I therefore recommend that you proceed with the case according to your own judgment

Very respectfully
Adam Hope
Superintendent

Hon: John K. Valentine
U.S. Attorney
Eastern District of Penna
9th & Chestnut Sts
Philada

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Custer

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November 17th 6.

Sir,

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter of the 17th of September last, I have all the old copper cents that were transferred to this Mint from the Sub Treasuries melted down into bars of commerce. By circular letter addressed to prominent dealers and workers in copper, I invited bids for these bars (about 5 to 6 tons in all) and have recently received three offers for them, as follows. Geo. Meyer @ 10 cents per lb.

Merchant & Co. " 9¼ " " "

N. Trotter & Co. " 7½ " " "

With your approval I propose to accept the bid of Geo. Meyer, which is the highest, and a good price for the metal. Please favor me with a reply at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

L. McLane Jr.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sept 5.

(39—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 17th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6072, favor Handy, Harman, for $64.207.57

" 6073, " Jno. Williamson & Co " $35.431.04

" 6074, " Corn Nat'l Bank, N.Y. " $5.639.23

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

" , " , " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-86. 1000]

Nov 17th 6

Handy Harman

New York
Nov 9th 6

50.250.60
50.17 7.17
50.5 3.49

1.0080

Nov 17th 6

J. & W. Seligman & Co

New York
Nov 17th 6

32.955.00
32.904.57
33.431.04

1.016

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 18th 1886

Zimmermann & Forshay

per letter of advice

New York

Nov 6th 1886

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Standard Weight,	per	10.037.85
Gross Weight,	per	9.023.01
1.0042	per assay bars of	9.060.90

Asst Treasurer

Superintendent

Field

(65-L)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 18th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 6075, favor Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $16.107.19/100

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-28-85. 1000]

gpb

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 18th 1896

Deliver out of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Fourth National Bank

New York

Nov 9th 1896

Fine Weight	oz	42.139.62
Alloy Weight	oz	42.070.50
Value @ 1.0090	per oz fine $	42.407.06

Superintendent

Nov 18th 6

2,484,729 376

106 Local

Jno. 740.094 174
Jno. 742.165.97

Jno. 7.551 812
Jno. 7429.23

Jas. P. Kimball

18 November 6

Sir,

After having examined a considerable number of engines and boilers in active operation in our City, I feel a very great hesitancy in assuming the responsibility of decision in regard to the kind of either engine or boiler for this institution as authorized by Act of Congress at the recent session, unless I have the aid and judgment, with plans and specifications of a competent engineering expert, as this must not only be a model steam-plant, but with provision to last under any emergency of test in extraordinary work in this institution: and after casting about and inquiring in regard to the competency of professional men engaged in

that pursuit, I feel an entire confi=
dence in a selection which I propose
to submit to your consideration and
approval:

First, I do trust that you will agree
with me that such a good work as this
should be under the guidance of a profes=
sional man of undoubted capacity, whose
reputation has been so established as not
to have any question upon that branch
of the subject;

Second; I beg to submit the name
of the firm to which my mind is addres=
sing itself as one in whom I have
the greatest amount of confidence for
such a purpose: — I propose the name
of Messrs. Wilson Bros. & Co., of Philadelphia,
as Engineering Architects who have done
work in the way of stationary engines for

Railroad Companies in this City and elsewhere and for many of our principal firms (machinists) of Philadelphia, and in regard to whom, everybody I have spoken to, commend in the highest degree.

Their terms for plans, specifications, and superintendence as the work progresses, are what are usual in their profession generally, to wit:- at the rate of five per cent (5%) upon the actual outlay, and I therefore respectfully ask that I may be assisted in this great duty, by this firm in the manner indicated

Very respectfully

A. L. Holley

Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Ht 1st

November 18th 6

Sir;

On the 9th of October, 1885, I advised you that we had on hand in the Sweep cellar, a sifting screen, and an Ericsson pumping Engine for which we had no use, and suggested that they be sold and the purchase money be turned into the U. S. Treasury on account of old material sold. With your approval I issued a circular letter to parties likely to deal in or use such articles, but did not receive any offer for the Screen, and only one bid, $10- for the Engine, which I declined to accept.

I now have a bid of thirty five dollars, ($35-) for the Engine, which I think it would be well to accept, as it is not probable that a higher price can be had.

I submit the offer for your approval, and await your reply.

Very Respectfully,

Superintendent

Hon. Jas. C. Ks

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

19: Novem 6

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oaths of office of the following named persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:-

John Dougherty, Laborer, General Dpt
Peter Flood , Helper, M & R "
William H. Good Laborer, General "

Very respectfully
Dahl W Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19. Nov. 6

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 17th inst., I give below the volumes of the 10th Census (1880) now in the Mint:-

Vol. 11, part 1, "Mortality and Vital Statistics"
" 14, "Mining Laws"
" 16, " 1 "Water Power"
" 18, " 1 "Social Statistics of Cities"
" 20, "Statistics of Wages &c."

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. L.Q.C. Lamar
Sec'y of the Interior
Washington
DC

19 Novem: 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No 17148 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 11 received from your office on the 17th. inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 13th. inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

George C Manson, Esq.
Assayer in Chg., U.S. Mint,
Denver
Colo.

19: Novem. 6

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo. No: 1748 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint;

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

November 19th 6

Sir.

I herewith return the letter to you of the 15th inst. from J. F. Baars, Cas. Nat. City Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich. and in reply to the closing inquiry which you referred to me, I have to state that his remittance of Sept 24th, $500. for 1¢ and 5¢ pieces was received and acknowledged Sept 27th. The 1¢ pieces were shipped on the 27th of October, and the 5¢ pieces were delivered in their turn to the Adams Express Co. to-day.

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. C. N. Jordan,
Treas. U. S.
Washington, D. C.

20th Nov. 6

Sir;

Mr. John J. Johnson, Laborer, in the General Department having resigned, his name will be dropped from your Time book after the 15th inst.

Respectfully
Dan'l. M. Fox
Superintendent
J. L.

Mr E. R. Helmbold
Chief Carpenter

Philadelphia
Nov 20th 6

Oct 30th 1886

559.935.81/100 * with exceptions noted below.

* Balance as per your Statement	#559.935.81
Do " " my Recpts. Oct 30th	519.900.62
Difference accounted for by the following checks viz:	# 40.035.19
No. 5993 dated Oct 30	#8.973.83
" 5994 " "	31.061.36
	#40.035.19

Supt U. S. Mint.

No: Orleans. 6

Sir;

Under Section 3564 Revised Statutes, I have appointed the following named persons Laborers in the General Department of the Mint @ $1.75 per diem each:-

Thomas Monks - vice John J. Johnston, resigned,
James Clare - " Peter J. Murphy, promoted,
Gilbert Binder - " William F. McNulty, " ,
Henry Hollowbush, William Howley & Thomas McGowan,

to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Wm. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Note "Henry Hollowbush, William Howley, & Thomas McGowan have relation to the double shift"

P.M.S

Nov 22d 6.

2.366.426.448

1287 Local
69.394 Treasury

763.838.055
716.318.51

7.517.440
7627.01

Jas. P. Kimball

SRL

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 22? 1886.

Dr.

I draw this day check

No 6076 from Fourth National Bank. N.Y. for $ 20.472.54

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Ex. 1-28-85. 1000)

Nov 11: 6

Sir.

I enclose herewith, Memorandum showing Sale Value and Loss by Recoinage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philad^a per "J.O" 13810.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

22: Nov. 6

Sir;

I herewith return amended memorandum No. 1748 of Gold Bullion, deposited by the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, on shipment No. 11, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

22 : Nov 6

Sir,

I have the hon to transmit the oath of Gustav Seasongood recently appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Department of this Mint.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

New York 6

Sir:

I have to draw warrants through your office in favor of the following named persons for the coins, for account of the parties named.

Bozeman Nat. Bank, Bozeman, Montana. $60.

John J. Sandoval, Baltimore, Md. $20.

I have also notified the parties interested.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 23d, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6077, favor Zimmermann & Forshay for $9.099.30
" 6078 " Fourth National Bank, N.Y. " $21.014.03
" 6079 " Handy & Harman " $43.711.19
" ——, " —— " $——
" ——, " —— " $——
" ——, " —— " $——

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[illegible]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 23d 1886

Fourth National Bank

New York

Nov 17th 6

40.895.09

40.833.23

1.016 41.486.57

Superintendent

Nov 13th 1886

Handy Harman

New York
Nov 12th 1886

50.773.20
50.719.89
1.016
51.531.41

Nov 23d 6

Zimmermann v. Forshay

New York
Nov 19th 6

9.824.40
8.886.04
9.099.30

1.024

23. Nov. 6

Sir;

Sometime since knowing that we had approaching twenty millions dollars stored in the Post Office vaults, my mind received the thought as to the strength of the vaults to maintain the superincumbent weight for such a storage, and I communicated with Mr Cobb my Cashier, who has uniformly attended to the placing of the coin in those vaults - upon the subject, requesting that he would speak to Col. Mc Arthur Esq, who superintended the construction of the Post Office Building; asking for information relative to the limit of elasticity of the sustaining Joists of the vaults.

This day I have his reply in writing, in writing in which he states that there are 21.750.000 dollars stored in said vaults and that this by weight is equal to 650 net tons, and that it becomes a question whether or not it would judicious to store any more silver therein.

He encloses to me Mr McArthur's letter to him, also of Current date, in which that gentleman says that he is inclined to believe, that the limit of elasticity has been reached; and that it would be unsafe to increase the load.

I have the honor to enclose copies and respectfully ask your instructions of both letters for your consideration, as to the future disposition of the dollar Coinage.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

(Copy)

November 22nd 1

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the capacity of the Post-Office vaults for storage of silver, within compartments, is now exhausted, there being therein stored Twenty one Millions, Seven hundred and fifty Thousand ($21.750.000) Dollars.

As this is, by weight, about equivalent to six hundred and Fifty (650) net tons, it becomes a question whether, or not, it would be judicious to store any more Silver in those vaults.

In compliance with your request I have applied to Mr. W.A. Arthurs who superintended the construction of the New Post Office, for information relative to the limit of elasticity of the sustaining girders of the vaults, and have the honor to hand you herewith Mr. McArthurs reply.

Respectfully,

(Signed) T.V.B. Colt,
Cash.

Hon. Chas. M. Fox,
Superintendent

Architects Office,
New City Hall,
Philadelphia.

(Copy)

Nov. 22nd 1886.

M. H. Cobb, Esq., Cashier Mint, U. S. Philada.

Sir.

In reply to your communication of this date, I have to say, that all the data from which an intelligent answer to your inquiry relative, "to the strength of the girders upholding vaults on 2nd floor, New Post Office", could be calculated, were forwarded to Washington when the Office of Superintendent of construction was vacated, and I think the matter is of too much importance to be treated lightly, and an opinion given without being fortified with all the details of that portion of the building referred to, but from the deflection which has occurred, as stated by you, I

incline to believe that the limit of elasticity has been reached, and that it would be unsafe to increase the load.

If you will address Mr. M. E. Bell, Supvg Architect of the Treasury Department to whom the plans, specifications &c. of the New Post Office were returned, you will probably be able to acquire the information desired, and regretting my inability to answer your note more satisfactorily, I am

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) John McArthur, Jr.

Architect.

25: Novem. 6

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1779 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23. Novem. 62

Sir,

Mr. Charles B. Fogel having declined the position of Mess'r Com'l Comm'r to which he was appointed his name will be dropped

Very respectfully

Dan'l M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23. Novem. 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo. No. 1779 -in duplicate- of gold Bullion being for remittance No 29 received from your office on the 22.d inst., as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 20.th inst,

Very respectfully

D. H. Fox

Superintendent.

R. P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

23: Nov. 6

Sir,

I have to day received by Registered Mail addressed to you from M. A Morey Cashier of the National Bank of Boyerstown Penna. Forty dollars in Cash for minor coins.

Mr Morey will be notified by the receipt of your remittance

Very respectfully
A. M. McFee
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

93: Novem. 6

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

"Must begin shipment to Treasury tomorrow fifty thousand Dollars daily. Send transfer order for one million. Kegs to be returned. Work safely" (Signed by Mr Kimball, Director)

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. D. N. Jordan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D. C.

24: Nov. 6

Sir;

We are rapidly running down in the quantity of bronze one cent, and also in the manufacture of Nickel, blanks, both from the very considerable amount of stock on hand, accumulated prior to the time of my entering upon duty, and in as much as it is clear to my mind that pressure for the minor coins will continue for a considerable length of time, it will be essential that we should keep our stock constantly replenished, and as this will involve the purchase of new Nickel and bronze metals, and there is obviously a great saving in procuring blanks both of the one cent and five cent character, it is important that we should take steps to have the metal on

on hand for striking off.

As this can only be done after advertisement and receipt of proposals I enclose forms of advertisements submitting the subject to your consideration as to purchase and if approved asking your consideration of these forms of advertisements subject to any correction you may deem proper to make as to their character, and also instructions as to what newspapers they should be inserted in

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Novem. 6

Sealed proposals endorsed "Proposal for five-cent blanks," will be received by the undersigned, subject to the approval of the Director, until the day of 1866, at 12 o'clock, noon, to supply this Mint with pounds, more or less, of unmilled five cent copper-nickel blanks, composed of three fourths copper and one fourth nickel. The blanks to be possessed of suitable physical properties as to softness, and to be within the legal tolerance of weight, and the stated fineness and proportion of the metals to be determined on the Mint Assay.

All blanks not suitable for coinage to be rejected.

Sample blanks can be had on application to the undersigned

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids

Superintendent

November 6

Sealed proposals endorsed, "Proposal to convert nickel into five cent blanks" will be received by the undersigned, subject to the approval of the Director, until the day of 1886, to convert pounds of uncurrent copper-nickel coins, and pounds of nickel of standard alloy, now in the possession of this Mint, into unmilled five cent copper-nickel blanks, to be composed of three fourths copper and one fourth nickel. The blanks to be within the legal tolerance of weight, and the fineness and proportion of the metals deter-

mined on the Mint Assay. All blanks not suitable for coinage to be rejected. Sample blanks can be had on application to the undersigned. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals.

Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent.

November 2th 6

Sealed Proposals endorsed, "Proposals for one cent blanks" will be received by the undersigned until the day of 1886, at 12 O'Clock, noon, to supply this Mint, subject to the approval of the Director, with pounds more or less, of unmilled one cent blanks, composed of ninety five per centum of copper, and five per centum of tin and zinc in equal proportions, The blanks to be within the legal tolerance of weight, and the fineness and proportion of the metals to be determined on the Mint assay, All blanks not suitable for coinage to be rejected, Sample blanks can be had on application to the undersigned,

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

Daniel M. Fox.
Superintendent.

Nov 24 6

Sir.

You will please admit
John McLaughlin
& John F. Nehlig
tomorrow a Thanksgiving day —
to do some work.

N. McFee
Superintendent

To the
Captain of the Watch
Thanksgiving day
U. S. Mint

Nov 24th 6.

2411, 132. 7th

345-Local.

Jas. P. Kimball

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 24th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion received by the Director of the Mint, from Jas. B. Hodgson Esq per letter of advice, dated Nov 23d 1886

Gross Weight	gs	49.867.43
Fine Weight	gs	49.759.07
Value @ 1.0022		50.943.78

A. Mitchell Esq
Superintendent

SRL

(Form A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 21st, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6050, favor Zimmerman & Forshay, for $22.060.46

" 6051, " Jas. B. Lodge & Co. " $50.943.28

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

" ", " ", " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

50 3-18-86. 1000

Sec'y

No 245 6

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official, viz:

"Fifty-seven thousand one-hundred (57,600) Dollars for resultant coinage."

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. D. N. Taylor,
Treasurer U.S.
Washington, D.C.

SRP

Nov 24. 6

Sirs.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz:

"Zimmerman & Forshay are shipping Sirs. No advice from Bureau of Lands. Shall I receive it? If so, how much and at what rate."

Very Respectfully.

Surveyor

Hon Jas. T. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

24: Novem. 6

Sir;

In regard to the matter of Transfer of the Nickel on hand from this Mint to outside parties for manipulation even to reduce its hardness and render it malleable, I am reminded that the metal is under the control of the Honorable the Treasurer of the United States, and that we have no authority to move the minor coinage metals except in exchange for United States Currency which in its turn is subject to the transfer order of the Treasury.

I note this in as much as the Nickel metal is so unmalleable and hard to treat as to present the thought of

having a metallurgist to operate and render it soft and pliable in cutting it and striking it in half dimes, — in view of the conversation had thereupon this morning

Very respectfully
W. H. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SRL

Nov 26th 6

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of current date requesting me to "send by letter, Statement of Old Mint Coins reissued, so they can be taken up in Treasurers next Statement", I have to state, that under the Act of Congress, approved Aug 4th 1886. I received, cleaned and reissued,

In One Cent Pieces $15.731.13
In Five Cent Pieces 39.956.20
Total $55.687.33

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Nov 26th 6

Sir.

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for minor coins, for account of the party named.

North Shore Bank, Devils Lake, Dak. $40.

I have also notified the party interested

Very Respectfully
D. Fuller
Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

SRB

Nov 27th 6

Sir,

The holder v. Refiner informs me this morning, that the purchased Nickel held by him, and which it is proposed to transfer under proposals, for manipulation, is of the following consistency, viz:

33% Nickel	21.933.33
Nickel Cubes.	252.262.50
Clippings &c	183.480.21
Total Ounces	457.676.04

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRDo

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 27th, 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No	6032,	favor	Handy & Harman	for	$49.090.84
	6033,	"	D.	"	$88.188.10
	6034,	"	Zimmermann & Forshay	"	$10.235.55
		"		"	
		"		"	
		"		"	
		"		"	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Ltr. 2-28-86. 1M]

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 27th 1886

Handy & Harman

Telegram

New York
Nov 20th 1886

49.874.30
49.780.92
50.975.66

1.0240

Superintendent

Nov 29th 6

Sir:

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for minor coins, for account of the party named.

H. G. Marks, Charleston, S. C. $100.

I have also notified the party interested.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

27: Nov. 6

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3604 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein endorsed, I have promoted Cornelius Calahan and Patrick F. Lamb to the positions of Assistant Foremen of the Melting Room @ $3.75 per diem each, to take effect upon their assuming their new positions. Herewith the same for your approval ——

Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SRC

(36—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 29th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No.	6035,	favor	Jas. B. Colgate & Co	for $ 51.768.52
"	6036,	"	Zimmermann & Forshay	" $ 19.976.45
"	6037,	"	J. H. Schiffmann & Co	" $ 16.081.02
"		"		" $
"		"		" $
"		"		" $
"		"		" $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(Sec. 1-28-86. 1000)

Nov 29th 6

Sir,

The following Telegram, sent you this day, is hereby made official. viz:

"He may draw for Seventy-three Thousand seven hundred (73.700.) Dollars, not more at this time. Letter by mail."

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

L.R.b

Nov 29th 6

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

New York
Nov 26th 6

51.641.40
51.053.77
1.0140 ——
51.768.52

LRP

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Nov 29th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Zimmerman & Forshay

New York

Nov 24th 1886

per letter of advice telegram

Standard Weight

Silver Weight

Value @ 1.02738

@ 52.614.66

@ 51.057.30

52.272.46

Superintendent

gdp

Nov 29th 6

Sir,

The following Telegram sent you Nov 27th is hereby made Official, viz.

"The amount available and due Treasurer United States on Minor Coins received, is Fifty-seven thousand and six hundred (57.600) Dollars. No reissue due him. My letter stated amount received and reissued, for which he has been reimbursed. He may now draw his Transfer Order for Fifty-seven thousand six hundred (57.600) Dollars in currency. It is all proper."

In explanation of the above Telegram, I would state that the only amount standing to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. in currency, is the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, consisting of $50.000.=, that Fund being for the purchase of Metals for the Minor Coinage. The Reissue, referred to, represents such redeemed

ver and Five cent pieces as were cleaned and redistributed, the currency and some coin received therefor having been already drawn out by the Treasurer on his Transfer Orders. The sum of $57.600.- was the amount available at that time, to which may be added by reason of subsequent deliveries $16.100.- making in all $73.700.- received thus far, as per my telegram of current date, and which sum of course will be augmented by the daily output of 5¢ pieces, as rapidly as we can possibly produce them - When his account is closed, he will have due notice that he may draw for the amount then available.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRB

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Nov 20th 1886

Melting and Assay of Copper Cents purchased by the Coiner of the Mint, from J. W. Scudamore Esq.

per letter of advice,

dated New York Nov 17th 1886

Brown Weight,		20.200.00
Fine Weight,		20.172.08
Value @ 1.0258	per oz. fine	20.652.16

Wm. M. Ford

Superintendent.

29: Nov. 6

Sir

Under Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have appointed Bridget Murphy, Helper in the General Department of the Mint @ $1.25 per diem – vice Josephine Lohmann resigned – to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Respectfully

Nath'l Dutton

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

F. M. L.

Hoon 29½ 6.

2,518,936 1½
1687 - Locust
65.384 Timing

Love 187.302 1½
Love 1198.630.5½

Love 10.352.5½
Love 12.254.41

Jas. P. Kimball

29: Novem. 6

Sir;

I have an application from a member of the Cabinet asking for a copy of a number of the medals struck in this Mint on historical and national events. He says he has reason to believe that they have been furnished at the expence of the material only. I find nothing upon record other than the fact that there have been Copies furnished heretofore to distinguished officials, and I am desirous of knowing whether I shall be authorized to comply with his request, and therefore write you this for that purpose.

I may add that it would give me
give me great pleasure to do it, if it is
consistent with your views

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29: Aveu. 6

Sir

I find from the activity in striking Minor Coinage that our Copper planchets are diminishing quite rapidly, and it will not be long before we will run out of the material, especially as it takes several weeks after giving an order to obtain a competent supply.

I would recommend that authority be therefore given me, at an early day for the purchase of at least 100.000 lbs. of that material. You will bear in mind that this last week, I sent to the Department the form of an advertisement touching this subject for your consideration and approval.

In regard to the Nickel question the same mail will carry to you a letter which encloses a copy of a communication from Joseph Wharton Esq. Proprietor of the Camden Nickel Works.

My letter in that connection will speak for itself as far as the Nickels are concerned

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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29: Nov. 6

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication addressed to me of current date from Joseph Wharton Esq. upon the subject of the purchase by him of old material and sale to us of Nickel planchets. I may say this proposition made to utilize the 1, 3, and 5 cent nickel coin and bars, in connection with the old purchased nickel on hand would very likely involve the accounts in confusion, as the coinage nickel belongs to entirely different accounts, and the losses thereon must be kept and accounted for separately to the Treasurer of the United States.

Before accepting his proposal would it not be the part of caution to consider the propriety to manupulate those metals in the Mint, and only deliver him (if you desire him to have them at all) the objectionable cube nickel and clippings of which the Melter and Refiner particularly complains. Moreover the charge for this operation covers such seemingly high figures, that it appears to me the expense could be considerably lessened by retaining the recoinage metal in the Mint and have him make the proposition for working the hard nickel only.

I hasten to throw together my thoughts upon this matter so as to get this letter off by to days mail.

I may add if consistent with your

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ceive, and in accordance with the interest of the Government, I would favor the purchase of Nickel planchets as an abstract proposition

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Camden N.J. Nov. 29th 6

Hon. Daniel M. Fox

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

As outcome of the inquiries made of me Concerning the utilization of the stock of nickel Coin material which the Mint has found difficulty in working, and of my interview with the Director of the Mint and yourself touching the speediest method of satisfying the urgent demand for nickel Coins, I now make the following proposition.

The stock of old material in the possession of the Mint, partly Clippings, but mainly bad denied and to be denied from melting old Coins

will about equal 49.500 lbs; Capable of yielding in new planchets about 48.000. lbs. The stock of Cube nickel at the Mint, after deducting enough to bring up the 12%. alloy on hand to 25%. Alloy, is about 14.700 lbs. of 97½%. fineness. About 13.500 lbs. of it, with say 40000 lbs of new Copper would yield of 25%. planchets 52000 lbs. The Mint has therefore material for 100.000. lbs. of planchets, if it should buy 40.000. lbs Copper. None of this trouble does nickel is of my make. I will take the 49.500 lbs of 25% nickel alloy and 13.000 lbs of Cube nickel, and will buy at best market price for the

Mint, 400000 lbs of best Lake Copper and I will deliver to the Mint 100,000 lbs. of 5% planchets like Samples to be supplied by the Mint of their 25% Nickel 75% Copper for Standard, with stated tolerance of say one half of one per Cent in fineness, receiving from the Mint for this service Twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000) and the cost of the new Copper which shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars.

This expenditure of $30000. would remove from the Mint all the troublesome material and all the annoyance of manufacture and would give you planchets for about $480.000. of 5% Coins this giving you a period of Several

Accepted by Wharton
offer was made by Supt to use 5000

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months in which to mature more permanent measures.

Should your acceptance be given to me tomorrow or Wednesday, I could furnish to you at once about 5000 lbs of plaudits, and as much or more in each succeeding week. Payments to be made each week for the weeks delivered.

Yours truly

(Signed) Joseph Whalon.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 30th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6038	favor J. W. Seligman & Co.	for	$53.823.27
6039	" Handy & Harman	"	$44.142.48
6040	" Fourth Nat'l Bank. N. Y.	"	$22.569.26
		"	$
		"	$
		"	$
		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Rev. 3-22-83. 4000]

Nov 30th 6

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th inst, I have to state, that the amount of Bronze Blanks on hand at this writing is 946.718.23/ ounces. In addition to the above amount of Blanks, we have 177.721.83/ ounces Bronze Ingots and Clippings belonging to the General accounts of the Mint. I would also state, that we have for Recoinage, belonging to the Treasurer U. S

In Bronze One cent pieces ozs. 83.060.30

" " Two " " " 245.908.80

All of which can be utilized in the Coinage of One Cent pieces.

Very Respectfully

Wm Gatchell

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C

Nov 30th 6

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made Official. viz:

"Letter relating to Nickel matter received. Pending the facts contained in my letter of yesterday, will withhold action until further instructions. I do this in view of our letters crossing each other."

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

30: Novem 6

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

The Coiner has delivered fourteen hundred thousand (1.400.000) standard Silver dollars for the current month, November,

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30: Assay. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to state that I have this day sent by Registered Mail, the following Coins reserved for special assay from the deliveries of the Coiner during the current month:

13 Standard Dollars
22 70 Dimes

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30. Novem. 6

Gentlemen

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, (a copy of which is herewith inclosed), I am obliged to cancel the order sent to you a short time ago for Cl. Nitric-acid for the United States Assay office at Boise City, Idaho.

You will therefore please not forward the acid

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Messrs Powers & Weightman
& Parrish
Philad.a

(Copy)

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington D. C. November 29th 1886.

Hon. Daniel M Fox,
Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in regard to the manner in which the C. P. Nitric Acid for the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City should be packed, you are informed that in view of the danger of shipping the acid at this season of the year, it has been decided to cancel the order.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

30 Novem 6

Sir;

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint at Washington D.C. a copy of which is herewith enclosed, I have to request that you will forward one regulation flag to the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, by Registered mail, and forward your bill for the same to the Superintendent of that Mint for payment

Please advise me when this order has been filled

Very truly yours
[illegible]
Superintendent

Mr Walter McDaniels
Lowell Manufg Co
Lowell
Mass

(Copy)

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington D.C. November 29th 1886.

Sir,

The Superintendent of the Mint at Carson having requested to be furnished with one regulation flag, I will thank you to purchase one for him, and cause duplicate receipted bills to be sent for payment by him. The bill should include the expense of sending by registered mail.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon Daniel M. Fox,
Supt Mint, U.S.
~~Boston, Mass.~~
Philadelphia, Pa

30: Nov: 6

Sir

Miss Mary C. Johnson, Adjuster, having resigned her position, her name will be dropped from the Roll after this day

Respectfully
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Printer of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30. Novm: 6

Sir;

I had the honor on the 13th. inst. to address a communication to you in explanation of an enquiry in regard to the amount of space that would be afforded by the transfer of the steam plant, which stated the fact that I had employed Messrs. Wilson Bros & Co. of this City as Engineering Architects, whose reputation as such is unquestioned and well-known in this City, and who had furnished me plans and specifications for the transfer of said steam plant, from the East of the building to the North West corner of the yard, and from information received from them in answer

to the question propounded, I was enabled to make reply to the query, and on the 18th inst., I submitted their names as Engineering Architects, for official recognition and approval in this relation.

As I have had no word upon the subject I fear it may have been overlooked and as the season is now hardening up into winter I am desirous of having as much of the out-door work accomplished as possible, whilst the weather permits.

Shall I therefore most respectfully ask your early attention to the subject in order that I may move on in this important matter whilst I

am enable d. /

Your obedient servant
Philip Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James A. Kimball
Director of the Blind
Washington
D. C.

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30 : Nov. 6

Sir

I have the hono to transmit Statement of Coinage executed at this Mint during November instant

Respectfully
Robt M Hoa
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30. Novem. 6

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner hereunder, I have promoted James Hulley, Cleaner, to the position of Assistant Foreman, in his department @ $3 7/8 per diem, to take effect on their assuming their new position, & submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

This has relation to the "double shift"

30: Nov: 6

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Sect: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed I have appointed Mrs Elizabeth Walker, Adjuster in the Coiners Department of the Mint @ $1.25 per diem — vice Miss Mary E. Johnson, resigned — to take effect from date of oath, and transmit the same for your approval

Very Respectfully

A. M. Clapp

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Philadelphia
November 30th 6

30th November 6

4,761,955.50

64,410,799.35

139,964.70

465.00

69,313,184.55

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 17 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

No.	from		$	
6041		Handy & Harman		25.117.90
6042		Fourth National Bank. N.Y.		9.700.99

prepared for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully

Superintendent.

To the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury

Thro' Chief Clerk

Dec 1st 6

Sir,

Please have my Balance with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for purchases of Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

1. Dec 6

Sir;

As we are now in the last month of the year, I beg permission to ask your attention to the consideration of keeping up the continuity of the coining years. We have no gold coin whether of Eagles, Half Eagles & One Dollar pieces; neither in silver, Half Dollars or Quarter Dollars of this years coinage and according to usage it has been the custom to strike off a quantity of each denomination, as the demand commences at about this time for these pieces.

Last year we struck ~~we struck off~~ some Eagles and Half Eagles, and I recollect 7500 dollars in One Dollar gold pieces, and I think 3000 in Halves and 4000

in Quarter dollars.

Will you kindly consider the subject and advise

Yours Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

1: Dec. 6

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit the following oaths of office of persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:—

Henry Hollowbush, Laborer, General Dpt.
James Clare, " " "
Thomas Monks, " " "
Charles E. Mitchell, " " "
Gottlieb Binder, " " "
and Thomas McGowan, " " "

Very respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Personal

1 Decem. 6

Dear Sir,

The delay in procuring Mr. Manning's medals must be attributed to the heavy draft on all the employés of the Mint for production, especially so as in your letter you speak of doing it at convenience.

I have instructed Mr Steel, the Coiner to proceed at once and finish them up. He says they shall be ready for delivery as early this coming week as possible.

In regard to the order for Mr Booth as contained in your card of yesterday's inclosure it must have slipped my mind. Be good enough to reiterate that for me and I will have it attended to at once

What was the order for?
I enclose Mr Manning's note
Very truly
Hall McAllister

Hon: James P. Kimball
Supt Mint Bureau
Washington
D. C.

2: Dec: 6

Sir;

I have the hono to transmit the St. tement of Silver purchased here from Nov. 16th to Nov. 30th

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2. Dec: r 6

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose memos: No: 1815 and 1816 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Assay office at St Louis to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon: James R Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2. Dec'r 6

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 1815 & 1816 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance Nos. 42 & 41 received from your office on the 30th Nov. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 27th November ult.

Very respectfully

N. Olcott

Superintendent

Elisha P. Jewett Esq.
Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis
Mo

(88-A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 27, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6043	favor	Handy Harman	for $	27.565.60
" 6044	"	Jas. B. Colgate & Co	" $	94.730.58
" 6045	"	J. W. Seligman & Co	" $	72.172.80
" 6046	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	" $	9.822.31
" 6047	"	Zimmermann & Forshay	" $	3.817.07
"	"		" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Rev. 1-22-85. 3000)

Dec 2? 6

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made Official. viz:

"Please expedite transfer of Funds to credit of my New York account. Silver on hand in excess of amount in Assistant Treasurers hands."

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 2d 1886

J.W. Seligman & Co.

New York
Nov 30th 6

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Dec 2d 6

J.W. Seligman & Co.

New York
Nov 26th. 6

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Dec 2d 6.

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Jas. P. Kimball

2. December 6

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement showing the number of rounds of ball ammunition expended and on hand at the several posts during July 1856

Respectfully
Your obedient
Servant
Lieutenant

Hon. James C. Dobbin
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

2 Dec.r 6

Sir:

In reference to the nickel question and efforts to negotiate with Joseph Wharton Esq. for its manipulation and production through him of nickel 5 cent pieces I have the honor to say that upon receipt of yours of the 30th ult.o upon due consideration, I concluded, and did write him a non-committal letter — I remained non-committal as to how or how I obtained my information — saying in fact that I had received it from Washington in the effect that his proposition (a copy of which I have heretofore sent you) was hardly practicable as the old nickel coin belonged to the

Treasurer of the United States and that the other persons, i.e., the cube and clippings were more at our command and disposition, and that so far as regards the old Coinage metal, it was evidently the desire of the authorities to keep the same within our own scope. And I therefore suggested to him to make new propositions to convert the cube nickel and the old clippings into nickel planchets, giving me rates for the service and the manner and terms of delivery of the same. To which in the afternoon of yesterday he replied saying he would cheerfully change his proposal in the way I suggested and would call at the Mint this morning and write out and submit a proposal accordingly. This morning he called and made his proposal in writing. Careful

inquiry furnished him with the fact that instead of 62,500 lbs, there would be but, day, 20.125 lbs. pure nickel and 10.375 lbs. Copper alloy contained therein. His proposal for the service is to charge 25¢ per pound for the planchets delivered by him, he buying Lake Copper for the Alloy. Basis of exchanging about 50,000 lbs at lowest current market rates, say from 12 to 12½ Cents per lb. We to pay him in addition to the service the amount advanced for purchase of the Copper which would not less than $6000 to the cost. I received his proposal and promised to forward it to you.

I have had a Consultation with Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner, Jacob Eckfeldt, Esq., Coiner, and Mr Loubenthaite, Chief Bookkeeper, - the latter on account

of his knowledge of former transactions and also of his personal interest in looking after our appropriations in their detail. The conclusion of which consultation was:-

1st That in view of the length of time which had yet to elapse before coming to the end of our fiscal year, we should exercise great care in husbanding our resources, to wit, the annual appropriations to the limit, so as always to be ready for emergencies.

2nd That inasmuch as the quantity of nickel in question was not nearly so large as was at first apprehended being but £2.175 lbs, pure, not more than 3 weeks supply at the utmost, - even in view of the pressure

here for production generally, and leaving the men to play any how and the material for treatment at command — although the metal is hard to manipulate — it would be better for the interests of the Government that it should be rolled into ingots, rolled, cut, cleaned and stamped by our own force in the institution, and that in the meanwhile the question of purchase of nickel planchets outside might be entertained.

3rd. That the price mentioned for this now limited quantity differs so little in the aggregate from the first proposition, for the treatment of all the nickel on hand, as well the cube and clippings as also the

old coinage metal, was deemed
extravagantly high.

As this is a subject of great importance, involving large expenditure, I have deemed it proper to communicate in detail, the character of the consultation arrived at.

Copies of the correspondence, to wit my letter to Mr Wharton, his reply thereto, and his proposal of this morning — also of a memorandum or note, accompanying the same — are herewith enclosed.

I respectfully submit the matter for your consideration and instruction in the premises.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
A. Mallet
Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

1 December 62

Dear Sir,

I have information this morning from Washington, to the effect that in view of the necessity of keeping separate accounts of the receipts from the various denominations for conversion into five cent nickel pieces, and as they are under the direct control of the Treasurer of the United States, there is a disposition to organize the Mint & to the melting and preparation for stamping with our Eagle

You had therefore better submit a proposition looking to the conversion into copper nickel blanks of the Cake metal on hand together with the old clippings

with a statement at what rate and within what period or periods of time, you could furnish planchets from that material.

The quantity of nickel available for this purpose, you have - it seems to me somewhere about 62.000 lbs. Were you to make such a proposition, it might be in a two-fold character, one, you furnishing the Copper, and the other, me furnishing it. Of course, in either case the alloy to be in accordance with law and the planchets malleable, for stamping.

Please despatch me a line saying whether this suggestion will receive your Consideration

Very truly
D. M. Boyd

Mr. Joseph Wharton
Nickel Works
Camden N.J.

Proprietor
Joseph Wharton
Post Office Address
Box 1382 Philadelphia

American Nickel Works, (Copy)
Camden N. J. Dec 1. 1886

Hon. D. M. Fox
Superintendent U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

I have read with care your communication of this date relative to the disposition of the metal now at the Mint, and will cheerfully change my proposal in the way you suggest — that is for the conversion into planchets of the cake nickel and the clippings only.

As time will be saved by my seeing you personally, in order that my new proposal may exactly meet the requirements of the case, I shall call at the Mint tomorrow morning between 9 & 10 o'clock prepared to do on the spot whatever may prove to be needful.

Yours truly
(Signed) Joseph Wharton

(Copy of a Memorandum.)

I expect to make the planchets far within the limits of tolerance named in my letter probably accurate within one half of one per cent in fineness and within one half grain in weight

Also I hope to supply the planchets at the rate of 10.000 lbs per week or thereabout.

But the limits named in the proposition, being within the legal limits of tolerance, are named to avoid unnecessary detention of work such as would arise in case by any accident planchets not quite up to my intention of accuracy should at any time be furnished.

I consider it important that I should be allowed to choose copper suitable for this particular purpose.

J W

Copy

December 2. 1886

Hon. Daniel M. Fox Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

In compliance with your invitation of yesterday to submit proposals for converting into 5 cent coin planchets that part of the nickel coin material in your possession which was not derived from the melting of old coins, I now offer to take all of that material, adding to it at the cost of the Mint enough copper to bring the whole to the coin standard of one part nickel three fourths copper, and returning to the Mint coin planchets aggregating 97 per cent of the weight of material so taken; the Mint to pay me twenty five cents per pound of coin planchets so returned to it. The conversion and return of planchets to be effected as rapidly as possible, the first delivery of

planchets to be made within eight working days from the first delivery of material to me, and thereafter not less than 5000 lbs of planchets to be furnished in each week.

The planchets to be similar in workmanship and finish to samples which the Mint will supply, and to comply with the legal standard of weight and fineness within 3 grains tolerance per piece in weight and within one per cent in fineness.

Settlements to be made weekly if convenient

The quantities of material in question are estimated as about

		Nickel	Copper
17.000 lbs.	cube nickel 97% containing	Say 16.500	
12500 "	Clippings of Coin metal "	" 3.125	93 3/5
1500 "	Experimental ingots of 38/33"	" 500	1000
	Total weights of metals	26.125	10.375

The entire quantity of Copper needed

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to convert into planchets this 20.125 lbs of nickel is without allowance for waste; 60.375 lbs of which 10.375 lbs. is in your hands as above stated, leaving about 50.000 lbs to be purchased; this I strongly recommend should be such Lake Copper as I may select and which I would supply to the Mint at cost not exceeding 12½ ¢ per pound.

Yours truly

(Signed) Joseph M Thorburn

(86 A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 3d, 1886.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No.	6048,	favor	Handy & Harman	for	$17.483.80
"	6049,	"	Zimmermann & Forshay	"	$9.097.88
"	6050	"	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	"	$9.686.90
"		"		"	$
"		"		"	$
"		"		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

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Dec 3rd 6

Handy & Harman

New York

Nov 23d 6

150.679.50
150.402.89
153.982.49

1.0238

Dec 3% 6

Fourth National Bank

New York

Ys 3% 6

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50.575.75

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December 3rd 6

Sir;

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date, No. 6714 from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in this City, for $1.64 for old Material Sold. I also enclose Statement of the Same.

I am Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

3: December 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs Bridget Murphy recently appointed Helper in the General Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: Samuel P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 4th 1886

Jas. B. Colgate Co

New York

Nov 30th 6

100.590.45

100.266.41

1.0010 100.366.67

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 4th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

6051	favor Handy Harman	for	$ 10.346.	10
6052	" Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	"	$ 5.636.	69
6053	" Zimmermann & Forshay	"	$ 6.196.	99
6054	" Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	"	$ 9.114.	54
		"	$	
		"	$	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

Ltr to

Dec 4th 6

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of One thousand (1.000.) Dollars payable from the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, to meet the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. H. Stone

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

spb

Dec 4th 6

Sir,

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Ten thousand (10.000.-) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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Dec 4th 6

Nov 30th 1886

392.700.49 with exceptions noted below *.

* Balance as per your Statement — $392.700.49
to. to. my Records — 204.315.94
Difference — *188.384.55

Accounted for as follows: Check No 6035 11/29 — *51.768.52
not included in your Statement: " " 6037 11/29 — 16.081.02
" " 6038 11/30 — 53.823.27
" " 6039 " — 44.142.48
" " 6040 " — 22.569.26
*188.384.55

W. H. Fox
Supt. U. S. Mint.

4. Dec. 6

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

Wharton says there is no American nickel now in the market. He accepts your suggestion Concerning wastage and our supplying Copper. I have annual contract with Keyser to supply Baltimore ingot Copper, best quality at ten forty fine ($10\frac{40}{100}$) which is much below present market. Wharton will accept this to begin and if possible will continue to use it. Contract will be sent you to day. If approved by telegram Monday he will begin delivering

next Thursday having made all preparations. What shall I do? Answer

Very respectfully

David W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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4: Dec'r 6

Sir;

The Number of Silver dollars to be Coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Director at 1400.000

Respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

H. D. Reed Esq

Comptr

4: Dec 6

Sir

The number of Silver dollars to be Coined by this Mint during the Current month has been fixed at 1.400.000

Respectfully

D Wilson

Superintendent

J. C. Booth Esq
Mint

4: Decem 6

Sir;

I have the hona to receive yours of 3rd inst. — its Contents carefully read.

In accordance with its instructions I have this morning had an interview with Mr Wharton, and arranged without Committal the terms of a contract for the Conversion of our cube-nickel and clippings we to furnish the Copper therefor, into nickel blanks at the price stated in my last letter on this subject and telegraphed you accordingly, and in accordance with the terms so understood between us, I have prepared a Contract and a bond for performance by him which I submit for your consideration and approval.

In my telegram I stated that I had a contract with Keyser to supply Baltimore ingot Copper best quality at 10 4/100 cts per lb. Contained under our advertisements for proposals for the year. Mr Wharton has also stated to me that whilst he had a preference for Lake Superior copper, which is 12½ ¢ in the market, that should the contract turn upon the use of Baltimore Copper, he was almost ready to accept it and run the chances of its suiting him.

Enclosed you will find a draft of the bond referred to and a Copy of the explanatory note of Mr Wharton to me. Were you to write me on Monday of your approval, I could have the papers

executed at once and the work could go right on

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Copy

December 4th 6

Hon. Daniel N. Fox
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

Accepting the suggestion of the Director of the Mint that I should be limited to an allowance of two per cent for wastage in converting nickel and copper into coin planchets, and that the copper needful for this conversion shall be supplied by you, I now hand you for your criticism a form of contract.

Permit me to remark that though I will faithfully endeavor to use Baltimore copper, thus giving you the advantage of its lower price, I apprehend that the resulting alloy

will be less tractable in coming them if best Lake copper were used.
Knowing the great public urgency for immediate supplies of 5 cent coins I should instantly begin to make planchets from my own material if I found that business would thereby be effected

Yours truly
(Signed) Joseph Wharton

This Agreement made this 4th
day of December. 1886, between the
United States of America, acting herein by
Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent of the Mint
of the United States at Philadelphia, of the
one part; and Joseph Wharton, of the City of
Philadelphia, of the other part, Witnesseth
that whereas in the said Mint is now stored
certain cube-nickel and certain Coin clip-
pings of Standard nickel coin alloy, which
metal it is desired by the United States
Government should be converted as prompt-
ly as possible into planchets suitable for
five cent nickel alloy coins; aggregating
about twenty thousands pounds of nickel
in cubes and in the said clippings, and
about ten thousand pounds of copper in the
said clippings; and the said Mint also

possesses & will procure such copper, as will be needfeel to bring all the said material to its coin standard of one fourth nickel, and three fourths copper suited for such Coinage:

Now therefore it is hereby agreed, that the said Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent aforesaid shall deliver to the said Wharton at the said Mint, in such instalments & quantities as may be convenient all of the said materials, and that the said Wharton shall speedily return to the said Superintendent at the said Mint planchets therefrom suitable for making standard United States five cent copper nickel Coins weighing in all at least ninety eight per cent of the weight of the material so delivered to said Wharton: Those planchets to be within

the legal tolerance of three grains per piece, and to be within a tolerance of one per cent in fineness of pure nickel and to be equal in workmanship, weight, form, size, and finish to sample planchets to be supplied by the Mint from planchets of its own make in the condition of unannealed planchets as they come from its cutting machines.

To such Conversion the Mint is to pay to the said Johnston twenty five cents per pound for each pound of planchets so delivered and accepted. Payment to be made each week for the deliveries of the work. The delivery of planchets is to begin within four working days from the delivery of the first instalment of material; and is to continue at a rate not less than five thousand pounds per week until the entire quantity of metal received is returned in such

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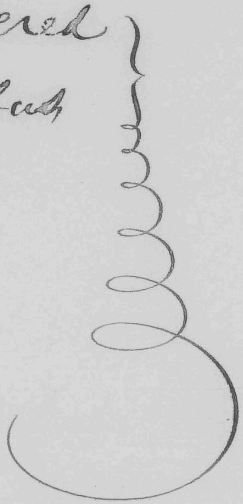
accepted blanks: *

Witness the hands and seals of the respective Acting parties the day and year first above written

Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of us



Seal
Seal

* Insert succeeding page before "Witness the hands & seals &c &c to

It being distinctly understood and agreed that the said planchets shall be malleable, impressible, and able to be goodly stamped in Coinage and so as not to cause fractures in or breakage of Dies and not beyond reasonable wear of said dies.

And also that the said Daniel Ml. Fox Superintendent aforesaid shall have the right and option if he deems the same for the best interests of the Government of terminating this Contract at any time on written notification to the said Joseph Wharton.

Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph Wharton of the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, am held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the just and full sum of Ten thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made I do bind myself, my heirs, Executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal, and dated this day of December Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

Whereas the said Joseph Wharton, by contract with Daniel M. Fox Esqr, of the Mint of the U. S. at Phila, Pa bearing even date herewith, has stipulated and agreed, to convert certain cube nickel, copper nickel coin clippings, and experimental copper-nickel ingots, now stored in said Mint, into unmilled fine cut copper-nickel blanks, upon the terms and conditions specified in said contract, as by reference thereto will appear.

Now therefore the conditions of this obligation is such that if the said Joseph Wharton shall and does faithfully execute said contract in good faith and

fulfil all the requirements therein stated, then
this obligation to be void and of none effect, other-
wise to be and remain in full force and virtue.
Sealed & delivered
in presence of

Elsie

F.N.T.

Dec 6th 6.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by to-day's mail, my Ordinary, Refinery Standard Silver Dollar Coinage and Standard Silver Dollar Storage accounts for the month of November 1886.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Chas. Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

6. Dec: 6

Sir

The net value of the 3 - ten - dollar light gold coins enclosed in your letter of the 2nd. inst., by Express is $29.77, which amount Ipeturn by the Adams Express Company. $29 being in one - dollar gold pieces, as requested.

Please advise me of the receipt of this remittance

Respectfully
A. M. Clark
Superintendent

Hon: A.G. Edwards
Asst. Treas: United States
St. Louis
Mo:

(86. c.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 6th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6055, favor Handy, Harman, for $12.899.33
" 6056, " Zimmermann & Forshay, " $12.477.23
" 6057, " Fourth National Bank N.Y. " $9.675.54
" " " " $
" " " " $
" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

N Mott

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Sm. 7 28-86. 1600)

6. Dec 6

Sir;

Under sect. 3507 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that I have transferred Peter Ruperts from Roller (Iowa's Dft.) to Engineer, General Department @ $2 per diem to take effect on his assuming his new duties and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Wash. D.C. Dec 1st 1870

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm'd Rem'l enclosed I have appointed Nathan S. Osler, Cleaner, in his department — vice James Scully, transferred — @ $3.00 per diem, to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for approval,

Respectfully

Wm. McFee

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

6. Dec 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Mrs Elizabeth Walker recently appointed Assistant in the Comet's Department of the Mind.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

No 14

December 6th 6

Sir;

Herewith transmit P/D of this date No. 6715 from the Assistant Treasurer U. S. in this City, for $35— on account of old material Sold.

I also enclose Statement of the Same.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

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Dec 6th 6.

2,658,029. 697
3284 Locate
56.172 Trans

Seame # 308.307 402
310.717.76.
Seame # 7555 III
7626.84.

Jas. P. Kimball

Dec 7th 6

Sir:

A contract having this day been executed, between myself and Joseph Wharton Esqr, under authority given by the Director of the Mint, for the conversion of

			Nickel	Copper.
say	17.000 lbs	bars Nickel 97% containing say	16.500.	—
	12.500 "	clippings	" " 3.125	9.375.
	1.500 "	33⅓% Ingots	" " 500	1.000.
Making Total Weight of Metals			lbs = 20.125	10.375

You are hereby authorized to deliver to said Joseph Wharton, the above mentioned Quantities of those Metals, together with such quantities of Bullion, Standard Copper as may be required, either from the Stock on hand belonging to the "Minor Coinage Metal account" or by purchase in the usual manner, taking his receipt for the same. It will be necessary for you to keep a strict account of your transactions in the deliveries of the above, and of the Planchets returned for the same.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

7. Dec'r 6

Sir;

I had the honor yesterday to receive telegram approving of the proposed contract with Mr Wharton for the Conversion of the nickel into nickel coin, and in which you stated that you retained a copy thereof, which I had prepared, and submitted. On further consideration I made some additions to the contract, one specifying malleability and suitableness of the coin for stamping, so as not to fracture the dies and second a reservation of the right of terminating the Contract on my part, if and when ever the interests of the Government would seem to require.

With these two amendments the

paper and bond accompanying it have both been signed. I accordingly send the original paper by mail to you for approval in its amended form and would ask in the event of its approval that the same should be returned to me, approved, for filing.

If you desire a copy of the contract as now made, on the return of the original, I will have a copy made from it, and forward the same as you may request.

Mr Wharton promises to proceed at once in the work, and I furnished him at the outstart in addition to the quantity of the Cube nickel and clippings 5000 lbs of Baltimore Copper for alloy, and hope in a few days this arrangement will be a material help

to us in meeting the demand for that character of coin

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

7: Dec 1e

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No 1846 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No 12 received from your office on the 4th inst. as per letter of advice and memo. of 30th Nov.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

George C. Munson Esq
Treasurer Chg. U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo:

7: Dec'r 16

Sir;

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U.S. Mint, at New Orleans, fifty pairs of Standard Silver dies for the Calender year 1887

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Charles E. Barber Esq
Engraver

7: Decem 1e

Sir

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 1833 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion being for remittance No 30 received from your office on the 2nd Dec. inst., as per letter of advice and memo. of the 30th Nov: ultmo

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

7. Dec'r 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memos. Nos. 1833 and 1846 of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte and United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very respectfully

A. Loud Snowden

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

H C M

December 7th 6

Sir,

The purchasing rate of Silver has been reduced by the Director to One dollar per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

W. Todd

Supt.

Mr. H. S. Cochran,
Weigh Clerk.

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December 7th 6

Sir.

The purchasing rate of Silver has been reduced by the Director to One dollar per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

V. L. Ford

Supt.

Mr. O. B. Jones,

Abstract Clerk.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 7th 1886

Assay mark of Silver Bullion purchased by the
Director of the Mint from Handy Harman
per Letter of advice,
dated New York
Nov 27th 1886

Fine Weight	ozs	126.191.55
Coin Weight	ozs	125.291.36
Value @ 1.0140	per oz	$127.045.44

[signature]
Assayer

LRL

(28—9)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 7th 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No.	6058	favor	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	for $ 8.693.21
"	6059	"	Handy & Harman	" $ 48.073.65
"		"		" $
"		"		" $
"		"		" $
"		"		" $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(P. C. & S.—35. 3001)

Dec 7th 6

Sir,

I enclose you herewith, Memorandum showing Sale Value and Loss by Recoinage on Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U.S. Philadª per "T. O" 13.856

Very Respectfully

Wm. L. Fox

Supt

Hon Jos. P. Kinball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

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7. Dec'r 6

Sir;

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 2nd. inst., I have to state that the charge imposed on Gold deposit No. 1115, made by A. D. Arrison, Assay number 1735, bullion accounts 3rd. Quarter 1886, should have been three cents and not four. The deposit was very little. It was an inadvertence of the assayer, who did not notify the abstract Clerk in time.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7: Dec: 6

Sir,

I herewith forward to your office for payment receipted bill in duplicate of Thomas Oliver, No 3 Strawberry Street this City, $28.75 for half a bale of muslin, for bagging for received 5 cent nickels

Very respectfully
[illegible] Fox
Superintendent

A. B. Rembale
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7: Dec'r 6

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of William Hanley recently appointed Laborer in the Ground Department of the Mint

Very respectfully

Your obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SRP

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 8th 1886.

Pay to the order of

6060	Hon. Hy Harman	$	8.868.99
6061	Zimmerman & Forshay	$	5.949.00
6062	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	$	11.303.03
		$	
		$	
		$	

The Treasurer of the United States

Yours very respectfully

Superintendent.

Chief Clerk

8: Decr 6

My dear Sir;

I was favored this morning with an advance copy of your Report to the Secretary of the Treasury of the operations of the Mints and Assay offices of the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30: 1886.

I have read it with a great deal of interest and satisfaction. It is a creditable exhibit of your own general administration; and I return grateful thanks for the conspicuous and strong testimony you bear to the magnetick superior character and great responsibility of the position of this Mint, during the [illegible] your report, which was the

first year of my term of service as its Superintendent.

I shall be greatly obliged if you can let me have, say one hundred copies for special distribution. I have frequent applications for copies of the Director's Annual Reports, and the number specified, carefully husbanded, will not be more than sufficient for the purpose

Very truly yours

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

P. Dec. 6

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3504 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that I have — on the recommendation of the Comm. herein enclosed — transferred Charles Lindemuyer, night watchman in the General Department to Roller in the Comm's Department vice Repentina transferred @ $2.00 per diem — to take effect when he assumes his new duties and submit the name for your approval

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James Kendall
Comm'r of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

S. Decem: 6

Sir,

Under section 3507 Revised Statutes I have appointed Martin Killacky, Night Watchman in the General Department of the Mint - vice Lindenmyer transferred - @ $2 75 per diem to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for yr approval

Very Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

S. Decr 6e

Sir,

I have the honor to receive yours of 7th inst. in which you state that I am authorized to strike "five thousand "proof pieces" of each of the denominations of United States gold & silver Coin; and additional authority for "five thousand) one dollar gold pieces additional to meet the holiday demand"

I may not have been clear in my letter of request but it seems to me as though the Coinage of the quantity mentioned of proof pieces is hardly necessary taking the practice of previous years and the anticipated wants into Consideration.

I may say that it has been the practice uniformly whenever calls are made for proof pieces to strike them off, and not provide a specific quantity.

As regards the 5000 one dollar gold pieces additional to meet the holiday demand, — the demand as already stated is not only for holiday purposes but for coinage of both gold and silver denominations of the various kinds.

However, I may not exactly understand it, and must therefore kindly ask you to repeat instructions upon the subject of denominational coinage, especially as time presses, and it will hardly be right to pass the year without keeping up the continuity of dates of [illegible]

of the regular coinage

Very respectfully

Wm M Fox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 9th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No.	6063,	favor	Fourth Nat'l Bank, New York	for	$ 8.450.25
"	6064,	"	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	"	$ 40.570.55
"	6065,	"	J. M. Seligman & Co.	"	$ 20.410.26
"	6066	"	Hendy Harman	"	$ 28.510.37
"		"		"	$
"		"		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-28-86. 1000]

Dec 9th 1886

Handy Harman

New York
Dec 1st 6

50.365.25
50.288.43
1.0010 50.338.72

Dec 9th 1886

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Dec 9th 6

20.210.20

20.188.19

1.0110 20.410.26

Dec 9th 1886

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

New York

Dec 9th 6

40.180.75
40.129.13
40.570.55

1.0110

12/9 6

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official viz:

"Was any sale made by Zimmermann & Forshay on the seventh inst. of Silver delinquents at this time? Answer."

Very Respectfully

Supt

How Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 9th

C.

2,735,169.65

1809-Loans
21.167 Taxes

487.603.260

13.679.145

Jas. P. Kimball

9: Decem. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No: 1867 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Boise City, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint,

Respectfully

Wm M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9: Decr 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 186 of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 12, received from your office, on the 7th inst. as per letter of advice and memo. of the 30th ult.o

Very respectfully

Superintendent

N. F. Hill Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

9: Decm. 6

Sir:

I have the honor to receive yours of the 5th inst. with return of the memorandum of second agreement, in lieu of the first with Mr Joseph Wharton for the Conversion into 5 cent planchets of certain cube-nickel and other coin material, with the approval thereof of yourself, and also the Hon: the Sec'y of the Treasury and in accordance with instructions contained therein I herewith enclose Certified Copy of the agreement itself, for filing;

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Jas: R. Snowden

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

9: Clerk 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Nathaniel A. Osler recently appointed, Cleaner, in the Coiner's Department of this Mint

Respectfully

D. W. Watson

Superintendent

Hon. Talbot P. Mitchell
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9. Dec 6

Sir;

In accordance with and by virtue of the authority given me as per your letter of 30th ult. I have the honor to report that I have selected and appointed Messrs Wilson Bro's & Co. as the Engineering-Architects in regard to the work of transferring the steam plant from the head of the building to the North West Corner of the premises at a compensation to be computed at the rate of 5 per centum upon the actual outlay for said work: with the understanding that should the successful bidder — be having complied with the prerequisites of the Contract be a bidder doing work outside of Philadelphia, and the necessity be upon the Architects to visit and view the progressing work away from the City

the actual expenses on their part of visiting and examining such work shall be refunded them.

Further, I desire to learn whether there are in the Department a character of bond which may be called, Preliminary Bonds for Bidders, conditioned, substantially, that if the bid from such obligor shall be accepted, he, the bidder, will furnish another bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of the Contract, as it seems to me that it is necessary to have 2 such bonds, both with approved securities, the preliminary bond to insure substantiality in the bidder and an earnest that he is competent to do the work and will enter upon and comply with the conditions of a contract in good faith.

I also desire to know whether you have blank bonds for the second purpose, to wit;- Conditioned for the faithful performance

of the Contract.

If you have both or either will you have the goodness to forward me at least two dozen of them at your earliest convenience? Will you kindly advise me immediately?

Very respectfully
Nath'l McKee
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

38—A.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 10th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6067, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y. for $ 7.695.23

" 6068 " Zimmermann & Forshay " $ 13.510.70

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[E.D. 7-26-85. 1500]

Dec 10th 6

Sir:

In answer to your letter of 9th inst I have to state, that the Total amount of Bronze Two Cent pieces received at this Mint and rewined into One Cent pieces, is ..... Total Rewined $265.546.30

On hand, awaiting Rewinage 25.432.22

Grand Total $290.978.52

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 10th 6

Zimmermann & Forshay

New York

Dec 1st 6

51.150.92

50.181.67

1.0010 50.231.84

Dec 10th 1886

Fourth National Bank

New York

Nov 26th 1886

	50.471.15
	50.398.12
1.0140	51.103.69

10: Decr 6

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 9th inst. in regard to some extra coinage as usual at the close of the calendar year, indulge me in the explanation, that I did not desire authority to increase the output of "proof pieces", for that regulates itself according to the current demand. The striking of "proof coins" on a hand-press is a slow and laborious process at extra expense. The quantity of "proofs" authorized by your letters of the 7th and 9th insts, could not be struck before the close of the year, and if they were, they would at the beginning of the year, have to be turned into the Cashier, as

general coinage, as we do not sell "proof" coins, except during the year of their date.

As you are aware there is no free coinage of silver, and the Department decides from time to time what denominations of gold coin shall be issued, depositors and the public having no voice in the matter, whatever their preferences may be. For ten years past only some of the denominations of gold and silver coins have been struck for general circulation. This would give the "proofs" of the omitted pieces in any year a speculative and erroneous value, to the public prejudice, if the Government did not interpose a corrective before the year expires, by coining a moderate amount of the denominations omitted in the regular business of the year. So far this year we have not

coined any of the following pieces for general circulation viz:

Gold	Silver
Double Eagles	Half dollars
$3 pieces	Quarters
Gold-dollars	

Now it has been customary for a number of years past with the sanction and approval of the Director, to strike in the month of December for general circulation a number of Half dollars and Quarter dollars, and of the omitted gold coins, so as to check artificial speculation, and it was permission to do this, which if granted, must be done on our steam presses, that I desired to get, in my communications to you on this subject, and beg to herewith renew my application.

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A substitution of the words "general circulation for the current year", for the words "proof pieces" would cover the ground, and be sufficient for any purpose, with the designation of the quantity and denomination of both gold and silver desired to be coined for this purpose added –

I should perhaps add that this additional general coinage of the denomination referred is needed to meet a regular annual demand. Numismatists are in the habit of buying two classes of Coins from the Mint viz: proof sets, and uncirculated pieces of the regular Coinage. They get the latter from

the Mint because of their fresh, uncorroded condition

Very respectfully

Your obt. Svt.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11. December 6

Sir

It is ordered that all cots, blankets, and sleeping material be forthwith removed from the premises, and that all the Night-guard must not only be constantly awake whilst at the Mill, but assiduously attentive to duty, each man keeping constantly well armed especially during patrol.

Your attention is also directed to paragraph 20 pg. 23 "Instructions & Regulations" which says;- "Smoking . . . . . or carrying or leaving friction matches in the clothes of workmen and others will not be allowed" By order of the Superintendent

H. C. H[illegible]
Chief Clerk

Mr. John Jordan
Captain of the Watch

11. Decem 6

Sir

It is ordered and directed that all oily rags and other spontaneously - Combustible material shall be carefully - and, as soon as their use is no longer available - destroyed in the furnaces, and that the officers Superintending the workmen will be charged with the responsibility of seeing that this order is continually carried into effect

By order of the Superintendent

Chief Clerk

Jacob D. Rockefeller Esq
Cleveland

11 Decem, 6.

Sir.

It is ordered and directed that all oily rags and other spontaneously-combustible material shall be carefully-and as soon as their use is no longer available -destroyed in the furnaces; and that the officers superintending the workmen will be charged with the responsibility of seeing that this order is continually carried into effect.

By order of the Superintendent,

H C Hinsdale
Chief Clerk.

James C. Booth, Esq.
Melter & Refiner.

U. S. Steam. 6

Sir.

It is ordered and directed that all oily rags and other spontaneously-combustible material shall be carefully and as soon as their use is no longer available destroyed in the furnaces; and that the officers superintending the workmen will be charged with the responsibility of seeing that this order is continually carried into effect.

By order of the Superintendent

H C Hunt

Chief Clerk.

Wm. J. Steel, Esq.

Comer.

11 Decem.

Sir,

It is ordered and directed that all oily rags and other spontaneously=combustible material shall be carefully and as soon as their use is no longer available--destroyed in the furnaces; and that the officers superintending the workmen will be charged with the responsibility of seeing that this order is continually carried into effect.

By order of the Superintendent

H C Hickok

Chief Clerk.

Charles E. Barber, Esq,

Engraver.

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 11th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6069 favor Handy & Harman, for $27.306.30

" " " " " "

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" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(Ex.—28-85. 1000)

Philadelphia

30th November 6

30th

November 6

92.120619 17.137.127.79

54815.81 47.903.62

C. S. Cochran

11. Decr. 6

Sir;

You may probably recollect when I had the pleasure of seeing you last here that we had some little talk over the subject of an extended improvement of the Mint by creating a third story all round instead of merely confining myself to the one which I had the authority to create over the adjusting room. At that time having seen the elevation to wit the picture of the whole you requested that a copy of it should be sent you at an early day.

Realizing the value of more room and very favorably impressed with the plan, not only of the elevation but also

of the entire appropriations of Space, and being fully aware that you are impressed with the limit of room and are as I believe desirous of looking upon such an extension with favor and also desirous of communicating with the Hon: Samuel J Randall, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, with the hope that you favor the project, I beg to say that I have written him a letter a copy of which I herewith enclose to you.

Shall I be permitted to suggest that whatever may come of the matter you will kindly communicate with Mr Randall and give him your views upon the subject as also if it meets with your favor take such a step as will formally bring it to the notice of Congress so that his Committee

may have it in charge.

Was an appropriation to be made, the details of course would be a subject of consultation and consideration for the hereafter

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. The Sundry Civil Bill in which an appropriation for this purpose ought to be placed has been reported by the committee on appropriations. It has been ordered to be printed and is liable to be called up at any day, so that in order to have the hope of success the Chairman of that Committee ought to be communi-

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cabled with as soon as possible.

D M Fox

(Continued)

Copy

Decr 6

My dear Sir:

After a long and studied consideration of the most effective and economical manner of carrying into effect the Act of Congress, making an appropriation for the transfer of the steamplant from the heart of the building to the North West Corner of the premises of this institution; at besides looking at quite a number of said-to-be very fine engine boilers and handsome engine rooms in several of the leading factories in and about our City, I found myself unwilling to trust to my own judgement as to which would be the best engines and boilers and the mode of locating them, and therefore submitted the

name of Mess Wilson Bros & Co of this City, who have a reputation of an extraordinary character for Engineering Architects, to the Department, which very kindly approved their names. These gentlemen have furnished me with an admirable plan and specifications. In as much as their reputation is materially involved in this work, they have made a further plan for arched vaults beneath the Western tramway which will save the delay in receiving and the noise and offensive dust in deposit of coal on Juniper Street, by dumping it directly into the vault designed in the new plan through man-holes, to be provided for that purpose.

In making their plans it was manifest that there would be some change in the present order of things in the base-

ment where we are very much crowded and where there seems to have been itine= rant unmethodical arrangement of oc= cupation of spaces, and they have there= fore also so arranged their plans for the transfer of the Steam-plant as to make them the first steps in what ought to be, a general improvement of the building without disturbing its existing order of architecture. Now after considering the fact that Congress had declined to pur= chase additional ground, and that there was an eminent necessity for an increase of Space in the building because of its too compact occupation of every foot — from the cellar to the roof — I concluded that if Congress will authorize an appropriation for adding (an adding) an additional story on the

building not incompatible with its general characteristics and rearranging the occupation of the rooms, we will have a power and a capacity, without the necessity of any further ground to do all that would be needed for many years to come. Besides it would thereby permanentize the locality for Mint purposes.

Herewith I enclose to you a Copy of the draft for the elevation. You will observe that the additional walls for the 3rd. Story, will be strictly in accordance with the present Style of the building, including the Sub-basement front which will rise a few feet above the ground with Corinthian columns surrounding the lines having skylight properly secured in the Spaces of what are now the grass-plats, thereby furnishing

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light beneath which would in the whole give us a spacious and wonderful enlargement of the whole establishment.

I am not only pleased but surprised at the addition of room that would be thus furnished and write to you with a full sense of the utility and economy of the whole project: and hope and request that you will give this matter your consideration and advise me as to the possibilities of securing an appropriation suited to the accomplishment of this grand work. The plans of the interior are all prepared under my own eye and although I am wedded to economy, I feel that an appropriation sufficient to carry this project through would be a vast saving of means to the Government and a credit

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to the administration.

There are many views which might be given of the propriety of the enlargement, which will doubtless strike you without my detailing them.

Kindly think this matter over and let me know what your thought may be.

I am working close to the position in which I am placed, and have since my appointment, and will continue to be exclusively occupied with its incumbent duties, watching expenditures and carefully doing what I can, to honor the position.

I had omitted to say that I have had an approximate estimate of the entire expenditure, resulting

in the sum of $150.000 for the whole work

Very truly yours
Daniel M. Fox

Hon: Samuel J. Randall
Washington
D.C.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 13th 1896

Statement of Gold Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Jas. B. Colgate & Co

New York

Dec 10th 1896

Fineness Weight	gs	30.031.25
Fine Weight	gs	29.989.93
Value @ 1.0078	for gs fine $	30.223.85

Asst Mint Supt

Superintendent

SRBs

(36—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 13th, 1886.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No. 6070	favor Handy Harman	for	$46.384.34
" 6071	" J.W. Seligman & Co	"	$39.902.99
" 6072	" Jas. B. Colgate & Co	"	$30.223.85
" 6073	" Zimmerman & Forshay	"	$27.366.15
" 6074	" Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	"	$19.052.29
"	"	"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Carl A. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(ED. 3-28-85. 1000)

SPLb

Dec 13th 6

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith Bill in duplicate for $255.80/100 being the value of 10 pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies, prepared for and transmitted to the Mint U.S at New Orleans in conformity with instructions contained in your letter of 6th inst.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

LPS

Dec 15th 6

Sir:

Pardon me for returning the enclosed letter to your office for the purpose of having the number of the duplicate Certificate of deposit therein referred to corrected, that it may correspond to the proper number of said Certificate, which is 37.930, and not 27.930 as stated. I do this simply that there may be a uniformity in the records of my office, and not for any purpose of being hypercritical. Please return the letter with the correction made.

I am,

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon W.N. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington. D.C.

Aldine Hotel - Phila
Dec. 12th / 86

Sir

As you see I am writing this from my hotel. Indeed I was so closely occupied yesterday that I was wearied out and I write to finish what I should have said in my yesterday's letter touching the subject of an elargement of the Mint Building.

I have had the roofs examined, my attention having called to them, by the evidence of considerable leakage brought about by the present melting snow and find they are of corrugated iron. They must have been on at the time of the construction of the building and have never been renewed they are so corroded, as to be comparatively full of holes and it will be necessary in the quite near future to entirely recover the

building with a new roof to save it from serious injury. This, of itself, will require an appropriation any how, to what an amount I do not know, as I have not had for that any estimate, so that with this fact also before me in addition to what I have said of the necessity for more room, I esteem this economically considered as a propitious period for procuring the authority and means to do the entire work of enlargement spoken of

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13. Dec'r 6

Sir;

You are authorized to strike mi-
-mediately ;-

One thousand _____ 3^{00} pieces
Five " _____ 1^{00} "
Five " _____ Half dollars
Five " _____ Quarters "

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Mr. W. S. Steel
Joiner
C.

13. Decr 6

Sir;

Under the authority of the Director the Coiner has been directed to strike the following Coins immediately:-

One thousand	———	$3.00	pieces
Five	"	——— "	1.00 "
Five	"	——— "	Half Dollars
Five	"	——— "	Quarter "

Very respectfully

Superintendent

S. H. Booth Esq
Melter & Refiner

13. Decr 60

Sir

Franklin C. Garrigues, Foreman (in the Melting Room) having died, his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 11th inst.

Very respectfully

W. W. Ford

Superintendent

Hon: James L. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13. Dec. 6

Sir;

In partial fulfilment of your order of the 6th inst: there has this day been forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans, the following dies:-

Ten (10) Obverse St. Gilden dollar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10,

Ten (10) Reverse " " " , 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

13: Decr: 6

Sir;

I herewith enclose the oath of Martin Killacky recently appointed Night Watchman in the General Department of this Mint.

Respectfully

Wm M Fr

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

13. Dec. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following statements for the month of November ult.o:

Deposits and purchases of Bullion;

Gold & Silver of Domestic production deposited; and

Bars manufactured;

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13. Dec 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 1886 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint;

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13: Decr 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 1886 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 1886; received from your office on the 11th inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of 9th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

13: Decem: 6

Sir;

Since receiving your communication on Friday last touching the subject of Compensation to the architects, I have communicated with the gentlemen and stated that the qualification, to wit, the subject of refunding of expenses in viewing the progression of work away from the City, in regard to the steam plant, was objectionable. They have since advised me that they withdraw that feature of it simply fixing the Compensation at 5% on the actual outlay

Trusting this will meet with your approval I am very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jas. P. Kimball

(64—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 14th, 1886.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6075, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank, N. Y. for $15.108.75

" 6076 " Handy & Harman " $45.681.46

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

New York

LRL

Dec 14th 1876

Handy & Harman

New York

Dec 3d 1876

50.260.60

50.185.35

0.9858 49.472.71

14. Dec. 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 13th inst, as to our practice in engraving dies for the copper-nickel coinage, and the blanks for bronze coins, I herewith enclose for your information a copy of a special report made to me on the subject by our Assayer, by which you will see that the utmost vigilance and care are used to maintain for the Coinage referred to, the standard of fineness required by law.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Continued)

(Copy) December 14th 6

Sir,

Referring to the letter of the Director of the Mint in regard to our practice of assaying ingots for the Nickel Coinage, I will say, that it has always been our custom to assay every days work, combining several ingots into one assay.

Owing to the very high melting point of the alloy, and its liability to segregate in masses of varying fineness in a single melt, we found that assaying individual ingots was not satisfactory, for with all the care in melting, single ingots would be found too high or too low, so we adopted the plan of making combined assays of two or more melts and of several

ingots from each melt; and if the assays varied more than one half of one per cent from the legal fineness, notifying the Melter and Refiner.

In regard to the purchase of blanks for the bronze coin; we made assays from every delivery of blanks, taking pieces at random from every parcel received, if any variation was found, notifying the Superintendent.

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) Jacob B. Eckfeldt,

Assayer.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent.

December 14th 6.

Sir.

I herewith transmit C.D. of this date No 6719. from the Asst Treas. U.S. in this city for $29.84 on account of old material sold. I also enclose statement of the same.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Mint

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 15th 1876.

Sir,

I return the enclosed draft—

No 6077 from Handy & Harman for $17.371.75/100

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

[signature]
acting Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 16th 1886

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint pursuant to Act of July 14th 1890 per letter of advice dated Dec 14th 1886

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

New York

Bullion Weight	oz	51.483.55
Fine Weight	oz	51.414.64
Price per fine oz	1.0118	52.021.33

Acting Assistant Treasurer

Dec 16th 6

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Dec 10th 1896

58.692.75
58.615.88
59.073.08

1.0078

Dec 16th 6

Sir:

Please have my balance with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York, increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 16th 6

Sir:

I enclose you herewith, Memorandum showing Face Value and Loss by Recoinage on Silver Coin received from Wm Disb. Treasurer U.S at Philada per "J.O" # 13.907.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

16. Dec'r 6

Sir,

In pursuance of the public advertisement, proposals to supply this Mint with 50.000 lbs more or less, of one cent blanks were opened yesterday at my office in the Mint, by the acting Superintendent, during my temporary absence, in the presence of the bidders, and the operative officers of the Mint, and were as follows viz:—

1 Joseph Wharton @ 21 10/100 cents per lb.
2. Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co @ 22 " " " "
3 Jas. S. Watson & Son @ 24 " " "

Mr Wharton's proposal being the lowest, and he being entirely responsible, I

have accepted it, subject to your approval. His proposal includes an agreement to increase the amount to 200.000 lbs at the same rate, if it should be desired. With your consent I shall probably avail myself of that privilege;

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Attest:

Jacob B. Eckfeldt Assayer
Melter & Refiner

A. S. Steel Coiner

Chas. E. Pleasants Engraver

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Dec 16th 6

6078	Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	9.398.	49
6079	Do	16.220.	24
6080	J.H. Bulgman & Co.	19.170.	09
6081	Jas B. Colgate & Co.	52.021.	33
6082	Handy Harman	26.156.	13

50.338.07
50.245.18
50.295.43

1.0010

F.H.S

Dec 16th 6.

2.912.642 235
872-Local.

Incorp. 934.310. 502
940.936.39.
18.244. 352
Incorp. 18.356.61

Jas. P. Kimball

16 : Dec : 6

Sir :

In section 3515 on page 32 of Instructions and Regulations for the Transaction of Business at Mints and Assay Offices of the United States under date of 1881 it is thus contained :- "The alloy of the one cent pieces shall be 95 per centum of copper, and 5 per centum of tin and zinc, in such proportions as shall be determined by the Director of the Mint."

It seems to have been the custom for many years past to determine the proportions of tin and zinc as the Assayer shall designate. In the advertisement for proposals for bronze pieces "for cents" which was prepared by the Chief Clerk who fol-

lowed former advertisements prepared by my predecessor A. Loudon Snowden Esq. then Superintendent in which it was stated that the bidder should furnish planchets stating proportions of tin and zinc to be 2½ ounces of each.

Yesterday the bids were opened for a contract for 250,000 lbs. of bronze pieces, all of which bids by this days mail you will receive with the recommendation that the Contract of be award-ed to Mr Joseph Wharton, he being the lowest bidder.

This morning I received a letter from Mr Eckfeldt, our Assayer stating that while the law does not fix definitely the proportion of tin and zinc in our one cent alloy, still we always endeavor to [illegible] the following, to wit;- tin 3

per cent: zinc 2 per cent.

Upon Mr. Wharton calling this morning upon me, I mentioned the circumstances of the recommendation of the Assayer in regard to the proportions of tin and zinc in the bronze pieces: that instead of the 2½ ounces of tin and 2½ ounces of zinc, embraced in advertisement our Assayer had recommended that it should be made of 3 ounces tin and 2 ounces zinc to which he acceded and is willing to make that change and that his bid might be so construed.

I ask your approval to the change in view of the Assayer's recommendation.

Further; Mr Wharton's contract for conversion of nickel and copper into 5 cent nickel coin blanks calls for the delivery to him of about 20.000 pounds of nickel,

but keeping the presses at work upon this nickel coinage in order to be to supply the demand for the same, I find the quantity instead of being about 20,000 lbs., has been diminished perhaps 2000 lbs. and he says to me that he thinks he ought to have them made up to 20,000 lbs., and that if I have no better plan for furnishing that dificit, of say 2000, lbs., he is willing to supply it of his own make, adding "which is better adapted for the purposes than any other" for 65¢ per lb.

On this point I would be glad to have your instructions and for authority for contracting for this additional quantity.

Again when the bidders assem-

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filed yesterday at the opening of their sealed proposals, they were all instructed that I should have the option of increasing the quantity, at the rate bid for, to such amounts as the Department deem proper, not exceeding 200.000 lbs. Mr Wharton, in his conversation this morning, said, he could furnish any increased amount up to that quantity in addition to the 50.000 lbs bid for, specifically providing that he had the order therefor within a few days, but he would not hold himself bound to such an increase for an indefinite length of time.

I have learned that 50.000 lbs, presuming that we are able to consume one ton per day, will be consumed in day in 25 working days. I submit

the subject to your consideration and instruction to me as to whether, I shall make any and what increase in the order above the amount bid for.

Copies of the Communications of Mr Wharton and Mr Eckfeldt are herewith enclosed

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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(copy)

Dec 16. 6

Hon. Daniel M. Fox Supt, U S Mint

Dear Sir

In your response to your desire that I should agree to furnish 3% tin and 2% zinc, instead of the 2½ % tin and 2½ % zinc called for by your advertisement for one cent blanks, I now agree to make that change, and my bid may be so construed

Your contract with me for conversion of Nickel and Copper into five cent coin blanks calls for the delivery to me of about 20 000 lbs. of Nickel, but the Mint having consumed some of the Nickel destined for that contract, only about 18.000 lbs

have been delivered to me. If you have no better plan for furnishing that deficit of say 2.000 lbs., I am willing to supply it of my own make (which is better adapted for the purpose than any other) for sixty five cents per pound

Yours truly

(Signed) Joseph Wharton

(Copy)

December 16th 6.

Sir.

While the law does not fix definitely the proportion of Tin & Zinc in the one cent alloy, still we always endeavored to keep it at the following. Viz. Tin 3 per cent, Zinc 2 per cent. In fact I am of the same opinion as the Melter & Refiner that if the tin were increased and the Zinc diminished, the alloy would preferable.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) Jacob B. Eckfeldt,
Assayer.

Hon D. M. Fox,
Superintendent.

Dec 17th 1886.

To

I draw this day check

6083 favor Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y. for $ 9.671.92
6084 " " " 27.147.81

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in favor of the Order Indian

I am very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New York

[illegible]

Dec 17th 6

Sir.

I beg to enclose Certificate of Deposit No. 17.166 dated Dec 15th 1886 for $200.000.=, with the suggestion that the Number of the Transfer Order be corrected from 13.387 to 13.887. Kindly return the Certificate with correction made.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon S. M. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Recd

December 17th 1866

Sir,

In pursuance of circular instructions from M. E. Bell Esq. Supervising Architect, under date of the 11th inst. I forward this my requisition for a supply of water-closet paper sufficient for the use of Four hundred and Eighty eight (488) officers and employes of this Mint, and will thank you to advise me when the paper is shipped.

Respectfully,

L. McKee

Supt.

To the

Chief Clerk of the

U.S. Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

(Sec. A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 18th 1886.

To

I send this day check

No. 6085, favor Handy & Harman for $49.073.18

" 6086, " Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y. " $6.740.02

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

[Rev. 7-28-82. 1000]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 20th 1886

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6087	favor South National Bank. N.Y.	for $	39.501. 84
6088	Handy Harman	$	8.665. 49
6089	J.W. Seligman & Co.	$	20.213. 64
6090	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	$	37.848. 28
6091	Zimmerman & Forshay	$	2.405. 75
		$	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[Rev. 7-28-85. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 20th 1886

Statement of Metal Contents transmitted by the Director of the Mint pursuant to the Handy Harman

per letter of ~~the~~ Dec

New York

Dec 15th 1886

Previous Weights,	gs	0.199.17
Fine Weight,	gs	0.141.93
Value @ 1.0118 per oz. fine, $		0.615.61

Assistant Treasurer

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 20th 1886

J. M. Deligmans & Co

New York

Dec 14th 1886

Troy Weight	oz	20.000.85
Fine Weight	oz	19.977.90
Value @ 1.0118	per oz	20.213.64

Assay Master.

12/20 1876

Fourth Natl Bank

New York

Dec 17th 6

12.661.20

12.642.57

1.0060 12.718.42

Dec 20th 1886

Zimmermann & Forshay

New York
Dec 7th 1886 a telegram of Dec 9th

31.514.40
30.251.16
1.0110 30.583.93

6.

2.944.044.92

87 Loans
56.970 Trans

1.121.420.60
1.129.607.09
18.767.43
18.882.73

Jas. P. Kimball

Dec 20th 6

Sir:

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for Minor coins, for account of the party named.

First National Bank, Canandaigua N.Y. $50.

I have also notified the party interested

Respectfully

W.M.

Supt.

To Hon James C Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

20. Decem: 6

Sir;

By this same mail please receive package containing your medal wrapped up by Mr Barber our Engraver which he has requested me to forward you

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21. Decem. 6

Sir;

In view of the heavy pressure for minor Coinage my quota for Standard dollars for the past two months has been fixed at 1.400.000 each month.

Considering the arrangements I have inaugurated, I feel it due to the Department to say that I see no reason why I may not accomplish the average monthly quota, to wit- the sum of 1.800.000 Standard dollars, which has heretofore obtained, Commencing with the coming month, in addition to the extraordinary minor Coinage required for the public necessities in the mean time.

I make this suggestion so that the Treasury Department may not feel embarrassed in that particular if its necessity so requires

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Sv't

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: Dec 62

Sir;

Your remittance of 20 Inst — $240 by Express for gold Dollars, and for Halves and Quarters — has been received.

The Coins will not be ready until Thursday of this week, at which time they will be shipped to you

Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon: D. J. Canda
Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York
N. Y.

SRB

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 21st, 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No.	6092	favor J. M. Ellingman & Co.	for	$ 24.252.	50
"	6093	" Zimmermann & Lindsay	"	$ 1.176.	82
"	6094	" Handy Harman	"	$ 39.807.	59
"	6095	" Fourth National Bank. N.Y.	"	$ 23.992.	75
"		"	"	$	
"		"	"	$	

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

SRL

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 21st 1886

Settlement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Handy & Harman per letter of advice

Handy & Harman

New York

Dec 10th 1886

Gross Weight	oz.	176.164.44
Fine Weight	oz.	175.244.73
Fineness	1.00078	per oz. fine	oz.	176.611.63

Assistant Treasurer

New York

Dec 21st 5

Sir

I have to day received through your office the following remittances for minor coins, for account of the parties named -

New York County National Bank. New York City. $1,000.

D. H. Helms, 772 Greenwich St. New York City. $60.

I have also notified the parties interested

Respectfully

A. M. Fr

Supt.

To Hon James C. Kindall,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

SRB.

Dec 21st 6

Sir,

Please draw your Transfer Order upon me for the sum of Thirty eight thousand four hundred (38.400) Dollars, in further reimbursement of your account, for Minor Coins transferred to this Mint for recoinage.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon L. M. Jordan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington. D.C.

22: Dec. 6

Sir;

On the 6th inst., I wrote you asking whether there was in the Department a character of bond which might be called preliminary bonds for bidders conditioned substantially, that if the bid from such obligor should be accepted he the bidder will enter into the contract, in good faith and will furnish another bond conditioned for its faithful performance; and also whether the Department had a blank bond conditioned for the faithful performance of a contract. This was having in view the bidding upon the steam-plant, the specifications and advertisement for which will probably send you this week.

To this letter I have received no answer.

Shall I respectfully request that if there be any such bonds, you will kindly forward them at once in order that I may proceed in the preparation for advertisements for proposals in the case referred to, inas much as time is running on and the consumption of time may make some embarrassment to me in carrying into effect the Act of Congress

Very respectfully

W. C. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

22: Dec'r 6

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 1933 — in Duplicate — of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 13, received from your office on the 6th inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 15th inst

Respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

George J. Munson Esq'r
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

December 22. 6

Sir;

I herewith transmit C/D. of this date, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. in this City No 6723, for $101.93 on account of old material Sold. I also enclose Statement of the Same.

Very respectfully,

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

22: Decr 1e

Sir:

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 1932 – in duplicate – of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 32, received from your office on the 2d inst., as per letter of advice and memo: of the 18th inst.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

22: Dec'r 6

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memos. Nos. 1932 and 1933 of Gold Bullion, being for remittances received from the United States Assay Office and Mint, at Charlotte and Denver respectively to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 22 1886.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No. 6096	favor	Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	for $	11.516.[00]
6097		Hendy Hartman	"	47.796.[17]
6098		Wm. Seligman & Co.	"	35.820.[69]
6099		Equitable Nat. Bank. N.Y.	"	36.655.[34]

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Dec 22d 1896

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from J. W. Seligman & Co.

per letter of advice,

New York

Dec 17th 1896

Fineness Weights	oz	39.951.05
Gross Weights	oz	39.901.43
Fineness 1.0060	per oz. Cents	40.140.84 ✓

Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Dec 22? 1886

Statement of Gold Bars purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Fourth National Bank

New York

per letter of advice,

Dec 10? 1886

Gross Weight		50.622.37
Fine Weight		50.548.02
Value @	1.0078 per oz fine is	50.942.30 ✓

Lyman McFox

Superintendent

22: Dec: 6

Sir

I will thank you to inform me whether the appropriation for the removal of the Steam-plant of the Mint made at the last session of Congress will be available after the close of the present fiscal year: and if so, for how long after that time

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

H M

December 23rd 6.

Sir.

In return for your remittance of the 20th instant, I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Company.

200 Gold dollars of 1886, — $200.
40 Half " " 20.
80. Quarter " " — 20
Total — $240.

Please acknowledge their receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Asst. U. S. Treas.
New York.

Dec 23d 1886.

To

I enclose this day draft

No 6100	favor Handy & Harman	for $	28.701.05
6101	" Zimmerman & Forshay	" $	25.362.83
6102	" Fourth Nat. Bank. N.Y.	" $	21.189.29
		" $	
		" $	
		" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

To Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

Dec 28: 1886

Zimmermann & Forshay

New York

Dec 18th 1886

24.718.65

24.550.06

1.0060 24.697.35

Dec 23? 6

Fourth National Bank

New York

Dec 14? 6

113.992.63

113.856.90

1.0118 115.200.40

F.M.S.

Dec 23d 6.

3.062.086.308

1.092 Loose gross ounces unassayed

Treasury 1.391.828.206
1401.994.27

Domestic 21.097.106
21.201.33

Jas. P. Kimball

23: Decr 6

Sir;

Respectfully referring to your endorsement of the 17th inst., on a copy of a letter of the 16th inst., from Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior - N.L. Muldrow Esq. - to the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting $57.50 in light gold coin from D. J. Sherwood, Receiver, United States Land Office at Marysville California, I beg to state that I have to day forwarded to you by Adams Express Co. $55.87 the Net value of the Coins referred to.

Gold memo: 1942 is herewith enclosed

Respectfully

R. H. Fox
Superintendent &c.

Hon: J. W. Wheeler
Asst Sec: U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 24th 6.

6103	Handy & Harman	30.094.39
6104	for B. Hollgate & Co	7.112.04

Superintendent

December 24th 6

Sir,

Admit the following persons, viz:
Eugene Harrington,
Louis Lang. &
John Houch
on Sunday the 26th inst. to make repairs.

Respectfully,

Supt.

To the
Captain of the
Sunday Watch,
U. S. Mint.

14: Dec. 6

Sir.

By this evening mail I send you 6 Copies of your medal in cases, The bill for the same I cannot give you under a day or two;

Very truly yours

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

431 a

24: Decem. 6

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter and Refiner herein endorsed, I have appointed William Egan, "Sweep Cellar", at $2.25 per diem — vice Henry Glazier to be removed to take effect on date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 27th, 1886.

Sir,

Please draw this day check

No. 6105 favor Handy & Harman for $ 34.322.55

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

Ex. 48 H. 1887

Dec 27th 6

Sir.

The following Telegram sent upon this day, is hereby made official. viz

"What shall be the price of Silver at our Counter? Other Government purchases are lower. Wire us at once."

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

How Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

27: Dec'r &c

Sir

Your services will not be required
after this day

Respectfully
Superintendent

Mr Charles F. Fowler
Hoosac, M & R. Rft.

97: Dec'r 6

Sir

Your services will not be required after this day

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Charles F. Sower
Hooker, M.R.R. Ark.

M.L.

Dec 27th 6

Sir.

The Fourth National Bank of New York is shipping Silver on account of a sale which they claim to have made to the Government on the 14th inst of 50.000 ounces. I have no advices from you of any such purchase. Kindly advise me by wire what disposition to make of the Silver, and if the Fourth National Bank's statement is correct, at what rate shall I place it.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 27th 6.

Sir:

I ho

Bulli

3.096.031.11

12.6. Loan
28.86. Warrant

1,508,093.15
1,518,700.06.
22,330.79
22,415.98.

Jas. P. Kimball

27: Decr 1e
12-18. Sm

Sir

The purchasing rate of Silver has been reduced to ninety nine and a half Cents per oz fine

Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

W. Jones Esq
Assistant Clerk

27 Dec 6
12-18 P.M.

Sir

The purchasing rate of Silver has been reduced to ninety one and a half cents per ounce fine

Respectfully
N. Talbot
Superintendent

H. Cochrane Esq
Weigh Clerk

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 28th 1886.

Dr.

I have this day check—

No.	6106	favor Handy Harman	for $	37.979.73
"	6107	Jas. B. Colgate & Co	" $	21.343.34
"	6108	Zimmermann & Forshay	" $	14.605.21
			" $	
			" $	
			" $	

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(Ex. No. 85. 1000)

Dec 28th 86

Handy Harman

New York

Dec 17th 6

125.517.40

125.324.66

126.076.61

1.0060

25. December 6

Sir;

Charles L. Parker, Assistant, in the Melting & Refiners Department having been removed his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 27th inst.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Richd M. Pook
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 28th 6

Sir.

I have to day recived through your office the following remittance for minor coins for account of the parties named.

Elon N. Lee. Webster City, Iowa. $20.

I have also notified the party interested

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Gold

Dec 29th 1886

Jas. B. Colgate Co

New York
Dec 17th 6

101.#18.#7
100.#6#.60
1.0060 101.067.39

Superintendent

Mint

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 29th, 1886.

Sir:

I draw this day check

for	6109	Handy Harman	$ 5.685.26
"	6110	Jas. B. Colgate & Co	$ 23.247.73
"	6111	South Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	$ 32.147.02

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

Nath'l Watts
Superintendent.

Honorable Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Cir. 7-23-85. 1000)

(No. 5.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 30th, 1886.

Sir:

I enclose this day check

No. 6112, favor Handy & Harman, for $25.844.54

6113, " J. N. Seligman & Co, " $46.170.27

6114, " Jas. B. Colgate & Co, " $5.284.21

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York.

1883—20.8.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

12/30 1886

Received of the Bullion purchased by the

Assayer of the Mint, from J. & W. Seligman & Co.

per letter of advice.

New York

Dec 21st 1886

Gross Weight gr. 51.236.40

Fine Weight gr. 51.170.92

Value @ 1.0015 per oz. fine $ 51.247.67

Superintendent

12/30 06

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York
Dec 28th 06

14.579.80
14.554.94
14.554.94

$1.00

Assistant Treasurer

12/30 1886

Handy Harman

New York
Dec 24th 1886

24.964.25
24.924.19
24.924.19

$1.00

Dec 30 6

3,180,719.25

1,674,559.77
1,685,590.56

24,043.54
24,155.79

Jas. P. Kimball

30. Dec'r 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statement of charges imposed on bullion received here during the Quarter ending to-day

Very respectfully

Superintendent

To Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30. Dec. 6

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following coins - received from the deliveries of the mines during the current month - for special assay:-

12 Standard Dollars (old)
50 Dimes

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. James. Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20. 6

Sir,

We are in pressing need of Treasurer's Balance Sheets Form No. 135, for which I made requisition some two months ago. If they are not ready I shall be obliged to get some printed there, for immediate use.

Very Respectfully

Asst

Hon. J. H. Kimball
Comptr of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

30. Dec 1880

Sir,

I have yours of the 29th inst with enclosure of a 5¢ nickel received at the Treasury for redemption with the inquiry to me, if the piece is genuine stating that it was made from a thin planchet and issued accidentally, the piece being a fraction smaller in diameter than the regular issue. On examination I found it to be of the date 1884 which is the year preceding my entering upon this official duty and therefore showed both the letter and the piece to Th. Eckel Esq. Comer for answer.

He says the piece was struck from genuine dies and evidently was cut

from a trial strip of nickel rolled accidentally to the weight of the bronze Cent the blank escaping the selectors and was milled and coined and issued by mistake.

This is his interpretation of the matter; I think it is the correct one

I return the Nickel in the envelope as you have requested

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: D. N. Jordan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

(96—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 31st 1866

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No. 6115,	favor Handy Harman	for $	49.624.62
6116	" Jas. B. Wright & Co	$	19.881.21
6117	" Zimmerman & Forshay	$	2.934.15
6118	" Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	$	12.447.50

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[2000 7-25-66]

12/31st 6

Zimmerman & Forshay

New York

Dec 27th. 6

19.636.00

19.351.34

1.0015 19.380.36

LRL

Dec 31st 6

Sir;

I beg to enclose herewith, bill in duplicate for $255.80/100, this being the value of ten pair Standard Silver Dollar Dies, prepared for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans, in conformity with instructions contained in your letter of 6th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

HCA

December 31st 6

Sir.

I herewith transmit C/D of this date. No. 6729. from the Asst Treas. U. S. in this city, for $31. on account of assay fees. 4th Quarter 1886.

I also enclose the Assayers itemized statement of the Assays made and fees received during the Quarter.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D. C.

Copy

December 31 6

Assayer's report for the fourth Quarter of 1886 of Assays of Plate, bullion &c and moneys received therefrom.

October	13	A. Humbert	1.00	Dec	3	Towle Mfg. Co. 5.00
Nov.	4	Atkinson Bros.	1.00		"	Keystone Case Co. 1.00
	9	Towle Mfg. Co.	5.00		14	A. Humbert 1.00
	13	A. Humbert	2.00		20	Keystone Case Co 1.00
	22	C. Kuehne	1.00		22	Towle Mfg Co. 2.00
	24	[illegible]	1.00		29	Sterne & Co. 1.00
Dec	2	Keystone Case Co.	3.00		"	Quartermasters Dept. 14.00
	2	S.S. White Dental Co.	1.00			31.00
	3	Simons Bros	1.00			

Thirty One Dollars the sum of the items for the fourth quarter of 1886

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

31 Decr 1e

Sir;

I have the honor to announce that I have this day shipped to the United States Mint at New Orleans;—

10 Obverse & Silver dollar dies, Nos 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23

10 Reverse " " " " " 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23

in partial fulfilment of your order of the 6th inst

Very Respectfully

Wm M Fox

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31 Decem. 62

Sir;

I have the honor herewith to transmit "Specifications for two – 150 horse-power engines to be furnished and erected on and with their foundations at the United States Mint at Philadelphia"; and also "Specifications for three internally-fired cylindrical steel boilers for the United States Mint, Philadelphia"; and also a framed advertisement for sealed proposals for furnishing the said engines and steel boilers.

I need hardly say that these papers are prepared with a view to compliance with the Act of Congress passed at the last session making an appropriation for the

transfer of the steam plant from the Centre of the Institution to the ground outside the Mint building but within the bounds of the Mint proper.

Will you kindly look over all three of these papers and if there be anything in either of them that may not meet with your approval be good enough to make such alterations as may be deemed proper and after their examination and approval return them to me with your suggestions as to what length of time publication ought to be made and also designate the papers in which they shall be inserted

Very respectfully

Jas. R. Kimball

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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P.S. I unwillingly omitted to state that as regards the subject of shafting and gearing I am obliged in due course to leave that be until a later period as it is not yet clear what character and quantity may be required

D.M.F.

31: Dec'r 60

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit Nos: 6730 and 6731 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $3241.72 and $63.10; deposited for Refining and Alloy Charges respectively

Respectfully
A. M. McPherson
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

31: Decem. 60

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coniers Statements of the Carriage executed here, during the current month and Calendar year ending this day

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Kingsball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

466a

21. Decr 6

Sir

Your Services will not be required
in the Army after this day

Respectfull

Your Obt Servt

Inspector Genl

~~M. H. Glazier~~

M. H. Glazier

Dec 31st 6

Fourth National Bank
Telegram

New York 9/12/28

Dec 14th

44.160.49
44.074.44
1.0118 44.59.52

This contract is closed out, owing to a balance of same having been applied to Contract of same date of 110.000 gs at 1.0118

December 31st 6

31st December 6

4,743,947.60

33,909,657.25

277,546.45

615.00

38,931,666.20

3. January 7

Sir,

I have the hono to transmit the oath of office of William Eagan recently appointed "Sweep Feller" in the Melter & Refiner's Dept of this Mint

Very respectfully
N. M. Hoit
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31. Decr 6

Sir,

Henry Glazier, Spec. Agent, having been removed his name will be dropped from the rolls after this day.

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James L. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jas. P. Kimball

Wm. McKee

Sept.

Jany 4th 7

Sir,

Please have my balance with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, in order to enable me to make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully,

Acting Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRD

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 4th, 1887.

Sir,

Please draw this day check

for $85.668.11

6119 in favor of Handy & Harman

for $24.264.19

6120 " Jas. B. Colgate & Co

and remit the Same Fulton.

Your very respectfully

H. C. Yeaple

Acting Superintendent.

Chas. Hart Esquire U. S. Assay

Office City

Sept

Jany 4th 7

Handy Harman

New York

Dec 1st 6

80.592.38

80.490.16

1.0015 80.610.89

5.375.68/ ozs delivered during prior Quarter, balance of 35.114.48/ ozs. delivered during present Quarter.

H. Handy

Acting

Sixth

Gain 4#. 7

Handy Harman

New York

Silver 78#. 6

	5.027.49
	4.740.01
#1.00	4.740.01

65.458.49/ozs delivered during prior Quarter, balance of 9.281.52/ozs delivered during present Quarter.

Acting

SRB

Jany 4th

7

Jas. B. Bridgeit Co.

New York

Dec 28th 6

49.606.45

49.429.61

49.429.61

#1.00

25.165.42/ozs delivered during prior Quarter, balance of 24.264.19/ozs delivered during current Quarter.

Acting

3. January 1887

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit statements of delinquent [illegible] from Dec. 16th to Dec. 28th 1886

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Auditor

Washington

D.C.

Jan 4th

Sir:

I have to day received through your office the following remittance for minor coins, for account of the party named.

Central National Bank, Rome, N.Y. $60.

I have also notified the party interested.

Respectfully

L. M. Pyle

Supt

To Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

Jan 5th 7

6121	Handy & Harman	12.001. 05
6122	Zimmermann & Forshay.	5.117. 05
6123	South Nat'l Bank. N.Y.	11.328. 48

6 January 7

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following statements for the calendar years 1886: viz:—

1. The number of dies furnished to the Coiner of the Mint by the Engraver;—

2. The number of dies used by the Coiner, with a certificate of their destruction at the close of the year, under section 3530 of the Revised Statutes;

3. The number and denomination of pieces coined, with the number of dies used in the coinage, and the

average production to the pair of dies

Very respectfully

Hal M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

6. January 7

Statement of the Number and description of Dies, used at this Mint during the Calendar year 1886 – including dies for proof Coins – and which we Certify were defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer, under Sect. 3350 Revised Statutes:

	Gold						Silver					Minor				
Dies	Double Eagle	Eagle	Half Eagle	Three Dollar	Quarter Eagle	Dollar	Total	Trade Dollar	Half Dollar	Quarter Eagle	Dime	Total	Five Cent	Three Cent	One Cent	Total	Grand Total
Obverse	2	11	14	2	2	4	35	64	2	2	39		101	2	48	151	293
Reverse	2	11	14	2	2	4	35	61	2	2	39		101	2	48		299
	4	22	28	4	4	8	70	125	4	4	78		202	4	96		592

Superintendent

A. M. Stee[illegible] Coiner

Jacob B. Eckfeldt Assayer

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.
Coiner's Department
January 3rd. 1887

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the following Dies were used in the Coinage of 1886, to wit;-

	Gold							Silver					Minor				
Dies	Double Eagles	Eagles	Half Eagles	Three Dollars	Quarter Eagles	Dollars	Total	Standard Dollars	Half Dollars	Quarter Dollars	Dimes	Total	Five Cents	Three Cents	One Cent	Total	Francs & Cts
Obverse	2	11	14	2	2	4	=35	64	2	2	39	107	101	2	48	152	=293
Reverse	2	11	14	2	2	4	=35	61	2	2	39	104	101	2	48	151	=290
Total	4	22	28	4	4	8	-70	125	4	4	78	211	202	4	96	303	-583

These numbers agree with the numbers reported by the Engraver as delivered to the Coiner, during the year 1886, and include

the dies used for striking proof Coins

All of these dies were destroyed this day by the use of the forge and sledge in accordance with the provisions of Section No. 3530 Revised Statute.

The following statement exhibits the number of pieces struck per pair of dies used during the year 1886, and includes the dies employed to strike proof Coin, as the proof pieces appear in the aggregate number of pieces struck.

Statement of the number and denomination of pieces Coined with the number of Dies used in their production, and average production to the pair of dies, during the year 1886:—

Denomination	Number of pieces coined	Number of dies used			Number of pieces struck per pair of dies used
		Obverse	Reverse	Total	
Double Eagles	1 106	2	2	4	553
Eagles	236 160	11	11	22	21469
Half Eagles	388 432	14	14	28	27745
Three Dollars	1 142	2	2	4	571
Quarter Eagles	4 088	2	2	4	2044
Dollars	6016	4	4	8	1504
Total Gold	636 944	35	35	70	18198
Standard Dollars	19 963 886	64	61	125	319 422
Half Dollars	5886	2	2	4	2943
Quarter Dollars	5886	2	2	4	2943
Dimes	6 371 570	39	39	78	163 507
Total Silver	26 353 328	107	104	211	249793

Denominations	Number of Pieces Coined	Number of dies used Obverse	Reverse	Total	Number of pieces struck per pair dies
Five cents	3.330.290	101	101	202	32.973
Three cents	4290	2	2	4	2.145
One Cent	17.654.290	48	48	96	367.797
Total	20.988.870	151	151	302	138.999

	Recapitulation				
Gold	636.944	35	35	70	18.198
Silver	26.353.228	107	104	211	249.793
Minor	20.988.870	151	151	302	138.999
Grand Total	47.979.042	293	290	583	164.593

Very Respectfully

W. E. Atkins

Coiner

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia Pa

Engravers Department

31. December 1886

Statement of the Coining Dies furnished the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia during the Calendar year 1886

	Regular Coinage		Pairs of Coins		Total
	Obverse	Reverse	Obverse	Reverse	
Double Eagle	1	1	1	1	4
Eagle	10	10	1	1	22
Half Eagle	13	13	1	1	28
Three Dollar	1	1	1	1	4
Quarter Eagle	1	1	1	1	4
One Dollar	3	3	1	1	8
Standard Dollar	63	60	1	1	125
Half Dollar	1	1	1	1	4
Quarter Dollar	1	1	1	1	4
Dime	38	38	1	1	78

	Regular Coinage		Proof Coins		Total
	Obverse	Reverse	Obverse	Reverse	
Five Cent	100	100	1	1	202
Three Cent	1	1	1	1	4
One Cent	47	47	1	1	96
Grand Total	280	277	13	13	580

Respectfully
Chas. E. Barber
Engraver

Hon: David M. Fox
Supt Mint, U. S.
Philad'a

SPCb

Dec 6th 7

Sir,

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Eighteen thousand (18.000) Dollars, payable from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint on that account, for the current month.

Very respectfully

Dep't

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

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San 6th 7

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, for the sum of One thousand (1.000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, to meet the expenses of this Institution on that account, for the current month.

Very Respectfully,

W. W. McFee

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dr: Jany 7

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose memo: No. 19 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

I am respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
D. R. Preston

Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N.C.

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January 6th

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6th January 60

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: £19 — in duplicate — of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 33 received from your office on the 4th inst. as per letter of advice and memo: of the 31st ult.

Respectfully
W. M. Ford
Superintendent

Robert P. Waring Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
New York

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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose one
Ingot No 19 of Gold Bullion being for remittance
received from the United States Assay Office
at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the
Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James R Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7 January 7

Sir,

I herewith transmit copy of a report from our Assayer giving specifically the information called for in your letter of the 2nd. inst., with regard to the Assay Balances that are in use in this Mint, and those not now in use

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Supt

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

7. Jan'y 7

Sir:

Herewith I enclose memorandums No. 34 and 35 of gold bullion — each in duplicate; being for remittances Nos. 14 and 31 (the former being for "change" and "charges") received from your office on the 5th inst., as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 31st ultimo.

Respectfully

Superintendent

George C. Munson
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo.

1st January 7

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandums Nos. 34 and 35 of Gold Bullion being for remittances received from the United States Mint, Denver, Colo., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Nath'l R. Cox

Superintendent

c/o James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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